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GENOCIDE CHARGE TURNED ON PAKISTAN

Congress Call To Capital And Labour

MAINTAIN INDUSTRIAL PEACE AND PRODUCE MORE

Subordinate Committees Asked To Build Up I. N. T. U. C.

NEW DELHI, January 26, (A.P.I.): The Congress Working Committee, which concluded its three-day session here today, adopted a resolution condemning strikes, stoppage of work and lock outs in certain areas "which have given a rude shock to the country, and clearly constitute a threat to any programme of economic reconstruction and self-sufficiency" and viewing any interruption of production, whatever its causes and justifications in the context of prevailing conditions" as a challenge and a menace to the community."

TEXT OF RESOLUTION

Following is the full text of the resolution:—"Having regard to the supreme urgency of stepping up overall production to relieve the hardship caused by the acute shortage of essential commodities in the country, the Working Committee welcomes the timely lead given by the Industries Conference convened by the Government of India in December last to bring about management-labour collaboration in the maintenance of Industrial peace calculated to ensure maximum production by avoiding all causes of friction between employers and labour and resolving all disputes through negotiation, conciliation and arbitration.

It is, however, distressing that while the country was looking forward to a period of industrial peace and a vigorous production drive as envisaged by the Industries Conference, there have been, during the last few weeks, some urgly manifestations of labour trouble in certain areas by way of strikes, stoppage of work and lock-outs, which have given a rude shock to the country and clearly constitute a threat to any programme of economic reconstruction and self-sufficiency.

CHALLENGE TO COMMUNITY

The Working Committee, therefore, condemns these developments as acts of great disservice to the country at this critical juncture in her history, which is bound to hinder progress and prolong the hardship of the community in general, and the poorer classes in particular. Any interruption of production, whatever its causes and justifications, cannot, in the context of prevailing conditions be viewed except as a challenge and a menace to the community.

CALL TO EMPLOYERS AND LABOUR

The Working Committee appeals to employers and labour to implement the decisions of the Industries Conference—

To employers to redress without loss of time all legitimate grievances of their workers, pay them a fair wage and create healthy conditions of work: and, to labour, to understand its rights as well as obligations and to maximise the production of goods and services to the best advantage of the country.

The Indian National Congress has under the leadership of Mahatma Gandhi pledged itself irrevocably to the cause of the toiling masses—whether they be workers in the fields or factories—and will do everything in its po-

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Gujarat Mail Passengers Robbed

AHMEDABAD, Jan. 26. (A.P.I.): Five Second Class passengers of the Gujarat Mail are reported to have been robbed last night by five persons armed with revolvers, knives and kirpans, who boarded the train as soon as it left Mehamadabad station.

After taking cash and other valuables worth about Rs. 7,000 from the passengers at the points of their weapons, the robbers pulled the alarm chain and escaped. The police arrested five persons at Mehamadabad early this morning and seized from them revolvers, knives, kirpans and some alleged stolen property.

POLICE OFFICIALS GET BUSY

SURAT, Jan. 26. (A.P.I.): The Superintendent and other officials of the B. B. and C. I. Railway Police are here in connection with the two dacoities in the Gujarat Mail reported during this week.

It is believed that a big gang of refugees are connected with these incidents: out of the seven persons arrested in connection with the Maroli dacoity on January 23 there are ex-policemen from Sukkur. It is stated that many members of the gang are yet at large.

LATEST COMMERCIAL

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SHEIKH ABDULLAH HITS OUT

Kashmir Will Not Submit To Violence And Fraud, He Tells Americans

NEW YORK, Jan. 26. (Reuter): Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah, Head of the Interim Government of Jammu and Kashmir, told a gathering of Americans at an India League of America luncheon given in his honour today:

"The position in Kashmir is not very dissimilar to what your forefathers faced and braved in these parts in the last century.

"Pakistan, our neighbouring State, says to us: 'Accept to be our slaves' We say: 'We shall not and will not'. So follows the invasion of our fair country, so the present bullying and bludgeoning of our people, peace-loving folk who desire nothing except freedom to be free.

"The average American may not be interested in other people's politics, but where it is a question of pointing out to him an obvious wrong or injustice he is marvellously responsive.

CAUSE OF DEMOCRACY AND PEACE

"Where the cause of democracy and peace may be concerned you cannot persuade a citizen of the United States to be an isolationist for if you would, you would find yourself repelled by the very spirit which determines the American attitude on life—that it is not worth living for if injustice and tyranny prevail over large parts of the world.

"To me who has travelled thousands of miles to seek redress of the wrongs that my people in Kashmir have suffered during the course of the last many months and are suffering today, the knowledge that your own nation was born out of a civil war against slavery and exploitation gives me confidence that you will be able to appreciate what we stand for in Kashmir.

NO COMMUNAL ISSUE THERE

"There is no Hindu or Muslim question in Kashmir. We do not use this language in Kashmir.

"The National Conference of which I am head and which is the biggest political party in Kashmir does not look upon the people as Hindus and Muslims, but as citizens of the State.

"It is true that 78 per cent of the population in Kashmir is Muslim, but that hardly makes any difference in the objective before our view. The objective before us for the last 17 years has been the attainment of Secular Democracy.

"We have fought and battled for emancipation from the yoke of autocracy and the fact that the ruler of Kashmir has been a Hindu Prince has made not the slightest difference in our struggle for freedom. To us autocracy is unacceptable whether issuing forth from the Hindu or the Muslim Princes.

PAKISTAN'S PRESSURE TACTICS

"It was a matter of deep regret to us that, while the Indian National Congress and India were favourably disposed towards our anti-autocratic stand, the Muslim League and Pakistan had not only decried our movement for freedom in the past, but Mr. Jinnah himself would not recognise the right of the people of the State to decide their own future.

"In his opinion, after the lapse of British Paramountcy the right of accession to either Dominion or the assumption of independence belonged exclusively to the Princes.

"So in order to press our point of

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STRUGGLE FOR POWER

Mahatma On Symptoms Of Sickness In India

NEW DELHI, Jan. 26 (A.P.I.)—In his message to the prayer gathering Mahatma Gandhi said: "This day, 26th January, is Independence Day. This observance was quite appropriate when we were fighting for the independence we had not seen nor handled. Now we have handled it and seem to be disillusioned. At least I am, even if you are not.

"What are we celebrating today? Surely not our disillusionment. We are entitled to celebrate the hope that the worst is over and that we are on the road to showing the lowliest of the villager that it means his freedom from serfdom and that he is no longer a serf born to serve the cities and towns of India, but that he is destined to exploit the city dwellers for the advertisement of the finished fruits of well-thought out labourers, that he is the salt of Indian earth that it means also equality of all classes and creeds, never the domination and superiority of the major community over a minor, however, insignificant it ma be in number or influence.

POWER POLITICS

Let us not defer the hope and make the heart sick. Yet what are the strikes and a variety of lawlessness but a deferring of the hope. These are symptoms of our sickness and weakness. Let labour realise its dignity and strength. Capital had neither dignity,nor strength compared to labour. These the man-in-the-street also has. In well ordered democratic society there is no room, no occcasion for lawlessness or strike. In such a society there are ample lawful means for indicating justice. Violence, veiled or unveiled, must be taboo. Strikes in Cawnpore, coal mines or elsewhere mean material loss to the whole society not excluding the strikers themselves.

I need not be reminded that this declamation does not lie well in the mouth of one like me who has been responsible for so many successful strikes. If there be such critics they ought not to forget that then there was neither independence nor the kind of legislation we have now. I wonder if we can remain free from the fever of power politics or the bid for power which afflicts the political world East and West.

Before leaving this topic of the day, let us permit ourselves to hope that though geographically and politically India is divided into two at heart we shall ever be friends and brothers helping and respecting one another and be one for the outside world.

7 KILLED IN PLANE CRASH

PARIS, Jan. 26 (UPA).—Police said that seven persons were killed and four others taken to hospital late today when a plane crashed into a woodwork factory in the suburb of Romainville.

TURKISH NATIONAL ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT DEAD

ANKARA, Jan. 26 (UPA).—General Kazim Karabekir, President of the Turkish National Assembly, died today after a heart attack.

Round Table Talks Abandoned

LAKE SUCCESS, Jan. 26. (Reuter): Talks on the Kashmir situation arranged for this afternoon between Indian and Pakistan delegates have been cancelled, the Indian Delegation announced tonight.

Indian delegates were awaiting instructions from their Government it added.

Fears were being expressed here today that the Round Table Conference which was to have been held this afternoon would have revealed important differences in the points of view of the two delegations.

Earlier optimism in United Nations circles that the question of a plebiscite for Kashmir could speedily be resolved received some setback through recent utterances by Indian spokesmen.

India's view, as expressed by Delegation spokesmen here, is that Kashmir acceded to India and there is, therefore, every legal right for the presence of Indian army forces there to maintain law and order.

The second point of difference between the contending parties is understood to be a question of the "neutral" Administration in Kashmir to act of Interim Government during the holding of the plebiscite.

While the Indian Delegation is perfectly prepared to have a plebiscite under Security Council control or supervision, this should not be taken to imply a change in Administration by Sheikh Abdullah's Government.

The Pakistan Delegation, on the other hand, is believed to be basing its case on what they consider to be "a general feeling" of the Security Council as expressed, particularly on Saturday by delegates of United States, Canada, France and Syria.

The Pakistan Delegation is especially impressed by the suggestions made by Warren Austin of the United States for an Interim Plebiscite Administration, as he declared "as nearly impartial and perfect as possible".

Both the Pakistan Governments and what is termed "the Free Kashmir Government" have refused to recognise the legal sovereignty of Abdullah's Administration.

STOP PRESS

KASHMIR TALKS

LAKE SUCCESS, (New York) Jan. 26 (Reuter)—The next meeting of the Indian and Pakistan delegates with the President of the Security Council to discuss the Kashmir issue has been tentatively set for 15.30 G.M.T. (9 p.m. I.S.T.) tomorrow, it was learned here tonight.

TOWNSHIPS FOR REFUGEES

NEW DELHI, Jan. 26 (A.P.I.)—Sites for four satellite townships in the Delhi Province have been announced, says a Press Note. These townships will, to a large extent, meet the demand for houses for the overflowing refugee population in Delhi.

The townships will be at Mahrauli, Kalkaji, Tehar and Sheikh Sarai.

BRADLEY TO SUCCEED EISENHOWER

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26 (UPA)—President Truman today nominated General Omar Bradley to succeed General Dwight Eisenhower as Army Chief of Staff.

SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING ADJOURNS

LAKE SUCCESS, Jan. 26 (Reuter) The Security Council meeting, due to be held tomorrow to continue the Kashmir debate, has been cancelled and another date has not yet been fixed.

VOLCANO ERUPTS IN ISABELLA ISLAND

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 26 (UPA).—A 5,000-foot volcano at the north end of the Isabella Island, the largest of the Galapagos group, erupted Saturday after 23 years of inactivity, a message from a turna-fishing boat reported. The last eruption of the volcano was believed to have occurred in 1925. Isabella Island is 72 miles long and has five high craters on it.

MOBILISE FOR PEACE

Sardar's Call To Youth For Co-operative And Constructive Effort

PATNA, Jan. 26. (A.P.I.): Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, India's Deputy Prime Minister, addressing a public meeting here this afternoon, made an impassioned appeal for unity, peace and co-operative effort in all spheres of life in order that India may become powerful and prosperous and that she may resuscitate her former moral and spiritual glory.

Sardar Patel emphasised the need for recognition on the part of the people of India in every walk of life—statesmen, industrialists and capitalists, kisans and mazdoors—of their true Dharma. He criticised the destructive roles of some organisations dominated by youngmen and stressed the need for constructive work and united endeavour to make the four-month old free India sufficiently strong and powerful instead of wasting energies on futile power-politics and struggle for leadership. "Produce More" must be the primary consideration of all sections of the people and we should not slacken our efforts to this end.

India at the present moment, Sardar Patel said, was in such a position that unless she mobilised the resources of all sections of people, industrialists, Rajas, Maharajas, kisans and mazdoors, capitalists and Zamindars, she would not be able to digest the freedom she had acquired under the leadership of Mahatma Gandhi.

30 Per Cent. Increase In Steel Prices

INCENTIVE TO INDUSTRY TO KEEP UP PRODUCTION

Higher Labour And Raw Material Costs Cited As Reason

NEW DELHI, Jan. 26, (A.P.I.): The Government of India have decided to raise the price of steel purchases from registered stockists by Rs. 80/- per ton with effect from January 27, it is learnt.

This increase is nearly thirty per cent. over the existing price level and is said to be on level with recent increaes in the prices of other commodities. In spite of this increase steel prices in India will continue to be the lowest in the world.

WHY THIS INCREASE?

It will be recalled that consequent on the acceptance by the Tata and Iron and Steel Company Limited and the Steel Corporation of Bengal Limited of a reduction of Rs. 12-8-0 per ton in the price of steel on account of the removal of the Excess Profits Tax, it was possible for Government to effect a substantial reduction in the selling price of steel to consumers from April 1, 1948. Since then it is stated that the liabilities of the Companies have increased because of the enactment of the Business Profits Tax Act and an increase in the Corporation Tax: the works cost has also risen on account of increase in the cost of labour and raw materials.

INCENTIVE FOR PRODUCTION

Taking into consideration these factors the Government of India feel that, if production is not to be adversely affected, some immediate relief to the Companies is called for. They have accordingly decided that, pending examination by the Tariff Board of the question of the fixation of steel prices on a long-term bais, the cut of Rs. 12-8-0 referred to above should, as an interim measure, be restored to the Companies. Due to recent increase in railway freight charges, both on raw materials and finished goods, there will be an addition of Rs. 11-0-0 payable to the main producers: in other words, the main producers will get Rs. 23-8-0 per ton in all.

FOREIGN IMPORTS

Government expect to import from the U. K. and the U. S. A. substantial quantities of certain categories of steel in 1948, but the price of this steel will be about Rs. 200 per ton higher than Indian price. It is impossible to sell imported steel at a higher price than indigenous price. Any attempt to do so would not only involve invidious discrimination among consumers, but would also in effect raise the price of all steel to the higher level. It has, therefore, been decided that the increased prices of imported steel should be spread over all categories of steel except billets, which are only used by re-rollers.

PRICE EQUALISATION

To equalise the high prices of imported steel with those of indigenous steel and to meet the additional payment of Rs. 23-8 to the main producers, the prices at which the consumers will purchase from the registered producers have been increased by Rs. 75 per ton.

The prices at which the controlled and registered stockholders will sell have been increased by Rs. 80 per ton, the extra Rs. 5 to cover the Bihar Sales Tax. The increases come into effect from January 27.

GOLD SMUGGLERS' ATTEMPT FOILED

KARACHI, Jan. 26. (A.P.I.): An attempt was made to smuggle gold valued at rupees nine lakhs into Karachi by a party of Arabs who, it is stated arrived in Karachi by a steamer from Basra on Saturday morning.

The gold which was hidden in mattresses in the false bottoms of steel trunks was discovered by women Customs Officers.

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HAZARE & PHADKAR TO INDIA'S RESCUE

Magnificent Partnership Pushes Score To 299 For Five Wickets

(From DULEEPSINHJI, Reuter's Special Correspondent with the Indian Cricket team).

ADELAIDE, Jan. 26, (Reuter): Hazare's magnificent fighting century helped to put India in a more satisfactory position at close of play today. The temperature was over 106 degrees.

Hazare, coming in at 69, faced a critical position. He started shakily and it was all the more creditable that he played himself into form. Hooks and drives brought the majority of his runs.

Phadkar again showed the right Test temperament in making 77 and giving Hazare valuable support.

Phadkar has now scored 50 in each Test in which he has played.

Amarnath scored a brilliant 46 with strokes all round the wicket. His innings was the most brilliant played by an Indian in the present Test series.

Amarnath was unlucky to get out. In trying to hit a full toss he got underneath the ball and scooped up a catch to mid-on.

Mankad played sound steady cricket. The Amarnath-Mankad and the Mankad-Hazare partnerships ended just when they gave promise of a big result.

Gul Mahomed, as expected, failed. **Hazare and Phadkar, by sound, orthodox cricket, saved India and made their total look respectable.**

Bradman, owing to the extreme heat, used his pace bowlers sparingly. Johnson troubled all the batsmen with his flight and spin and he was unlucky not to bag more than two wickets.

Toshack also kept the batsmen quiet.

The good length spinner from McCool, which bowled Mankad, was perhaps the best ball bowled today.

Everyone hopes that the expected cooler weather will break tonight.

I am glad India fought well after two days of leather-hunting.

The Play

India continuing their first innings this morning met with early disaster, losing their Captain Amarnath rather cheaply. Mankad and Gul Mahammed soon followed and with the score at 133 for 5, India was in for a humiliating rout.

But Hazare in partnership with Phadkar played a glorious innings to take the score to 299 for 5, incidentally hitting his first Test century against Australia. Hazare took time to settle down but once he was set the bowlers were treated with scant respect.

Phadkar gave an invaluable stand and was not out with 77.

The day was a holiday in commemoration of settlement in Australia and the local beaches were thronged, but that did not prevent another big crowd at the cricket ground many of whom sought vantage points in the shade of trees.

The sudden heat after two months incessant wet and cold weather was slightly disconcerting to the tourists. Nevertheless, it was expected to prove to their advantage provided their batsmen could withstand the early attack and maintain a relentless defence with the idea of working down the Australian bowlers. Miller was in line for a hattrick when play resumed. Amarnath who joined Mankad had five balls of Miller's second over to face.

Amarnath's first stroke was awaited with intense interest. The ball came hip high on the leg side and the Indian captain deflected it for four and drove the seventh ball through the covers for two.

Lindwall's opening over was not as fast as his bowling on Saturday evening. Mankad played every ball with the middle of his blade, except the sixth delivery which he glanced for two and followed with a nice straight drive for three. The Indians certainly began brightly.

Lindwall was having trouble with his boot and after only one over and with the total at nineteen, he was replaced by McCool, whose opening over proved expensive fourteen runs coming from it. Both batsmen stepped out to the pitch of the ball. Amarnath twice penetrating the covers for four. The Indian captain twice late cut Miller in the next over. McCool found a better length in his second over and conceded only a single to Amarnath.

NARROW ESCAPE

Lindwall returned to the attack at 40, relieving Miller whose figures then were 4-1-17-2.

Mankad had a narrow escape when twelve and the total forty-three. He gave Ian Jonnson a difficult chance low down at backward short leg off Lindwall. Amarnath opened his shoulders in McCool's next over driving him for two fours and a single. In contrast to Australia's dourness in their first innings, the Indian pair in the first half hour's play today added 47.

Amarnath was scoring at the rate of a run a minute. Lindwall bowled his first maiden of the day—to Mankad—when the total was fiftythree and followed with another maiden also to Mankad.

At 56 Ian Johnson took from McCool whose three overs had cost twenty-five. Mankad began by driving the off spring to cover for a single and Amarnath glanced him for two and hooked a single. Then Toshack went on for Lindwall who had conceded only ten runs in his six overs.

Amarnath drove the lefthander, who was bowling over the wicket for three runs. The Indian captain stepped out to a full toss from Ian Johnson and drove it straight for four, but in trying the same stroke off the next delivery he lifted the ball and gave Bradman an easy catch, the Australian captain running back behind the bowler to take it. Amarnath's forty-six included five fours and took fifty-four minutes.

After Amarnath's refreshing innings, Hazare joined Mankad and began by glancing Ian Johnson for a single. Johnson was turning the ball sharply and twice rapped Hazare's pads.

When Toshack bowled a noball, Mankad cracked it for four.

Hazare was troubled when facing Johnson who was flighting the ball admirably.

BATSMEN ON DEFENSIVE

The rate of scoring had now dropped, both batsmen having settled down to concentrate on defence. But Mankad twice swung at, and missed, leg side deliveries from Johnson before chopping him for two to gully.

Ian Johnson tried bowling round the wicket at Hazare and it brought the off-spinner his first maiden over.

At 83, Lindwall replaced Toshack and two runs later lunch was taken with Mankad not out 24, and Hazare not out nine.

Lindwall and McCool took up the attack after the interval when Mankal late-cut fast bowler for two and pulled the leg-spinner also for two. Lindwall was no-balled for the first time in his ninth over and immediately Bradman replaced him with Toshack. The total was then 93 and Mankad turned McCool to square-leg to send up 100 in 127 minutes. Meanwhile, Hazare continued cautiously, his first 12 runs all coming from singles.

TEMPERATURE RISES TO 105 DEGREES

The temperature had then risen to 105 degrees.

Hazare's first boundary came from an on drive off Toshack who was no-balled twice in that over. Mankad also drove the left-hander to the on for two and then reached 40 by hooking Toshack to the fence.

Toshack's next delivery was again no-balled and Mankad cracked it to the boundary. When one short of his half century, Mankad playing forward in McCool's ninth over was beaten by the turn and the ball took his off ball. His most useful innings, in which he adopted the correct method, took two hours and a half.

Gul Mahomed entered at 124 and Ian Johnson replaced Toshack. Hazare stepped out and beautifully drove the off-spinner to the on for four, while Mahomed opened with a pull to the boundary off McCool after watching the turn of the first few deliveries.

It proved to be Gul Mahomed's only scoring strike for stretching for ward in Ian Johnson's next over he missed and was smartly stumped and half the side was now out for 133.

Phadkar was promoted to join Hazare. So far Bradman's policy of sticking to his slow spinners had paid dividends. Phadkar played Ian Johnson confidently but was unable to penetrate the well-placed field.

The twelfth man W. Jonston fielded while Lindwall left to have his boot rectified.

Phadkar opened his account with a late cut for a single off McCool and at 149 that bowler was given his first rest since lunch. His figures then read 10-2-46-1.

Barnes took over from him and although it was the forty-ninth over, the new ball was not called for.

LINDWALL LIMPS

It has been announced that Lindwall had retired for a rectification to his boot but a masseur stated that the fast bowler was suffering from a recurrence of a strained leg muscle. He limped on returning to the field.

At tea India were 165 for five wickets, Hazare not out 38 and Phadkar not out 14.

Favouring his doubtful leg, Toshack bowled over the wicket at immaculate length.

At 167 Bradman called for the new ball which he gave to Lindwall and Miller after the 58th over. Miller bowled with a short run at medium pace, while Lindwall was unable to work on top speed and Hazare brilliantly cover-drove him in his second over for four.

Hazare was now timing the ball well and reached his half century with two beautifully placed pulls for four off Miller. He had then been at the wicket for 156 minutes.

SCORE SPURTS

The score spurted, 17 runs coming from two overs, and Hazare sent up the 200 made in just under four hours, by square-cutting Lindwall to the fence.

Hazare flashingly straight-drove McCool for four to make the partnership worth 100 in 111 minutes and then Phadkar immediately pulled Ian Johnson to the boundary to reach his 50. With a grand hook off Johnson, Hazare entered his eighties and he saw Phadkar pull McCool to the fence to hoist the 250—the last 50 taking only 40 minutes.

The Indian pair were now taking heavy toll of the tired attack and Hazare stepped out to collect fours from each of the spin-bowlers with delightful drives through the covers.

The introduction of Ian Johnson for Toshack did nothing to reduce the scoring and both batsmen took fours off balls which pitched short. Another four went to Phadkar when he pulled Barnes who had replaced McCool.

BRADMAN GREETS HAZARE

Hazare late-cut Barnes for three to reach 99 and then turned Toshack for a single to complete a chanceless and artistic century in three hours 44 minutes batting which included eleven fours. He received a tremendous ovation which lasted fully a minute and between overs Bradman walked up and shook hands with him. The Indian policy now was to keep their wickets intact until stumps, but Phadkar continued to seek runs and drove and pull Barnes for fours.

The partnership was then worth 150 in 140 minutes. Ten minutes before stumps were drawn, Lindwall replaced Toshack but Hazare was undismayed and cut the speed man square for four. Don Bradman himself bowled the last over of the day to Phadkar who pulled a full toss to the fence. The total at the close was 299 for five with Hazare not out 108 and Phadkar not out 77.

India need 175 with five wickets remaining to avert the follow on which at one time seeemed inevitable. Hazare's stand with Phadkar which has so far added 166 altered the complexion of the game. At times the Australian bowling looked cheap. The wicket is still good and the weather is cooler but no rain is forecast.

THE SCORE BOARD

AUSTRALIA—1st INNINGS	674
INDIA—1st INNINGS	
Mankad b. McCool	49
Sarwate b. Miller	1
Sen b. Miller	0
Amarnath c. Bradman b. Johnson	46
Hazare not out	108
Gul Mahomed st. Tallon b. Johnson	4
Phadkar not out	77
Extras (byes seven, leg-byes four, no-balls three)	14
Total for five wickets	299

FALL OF WICKETS:—One for six, two for six, three for 69, four for 124, five for 133.

BOWLING ANALYSIS

Lindwall	14/2/44/0
Miller	7/1/34/2
McCool	20/2/78/1
Ian Johnson	18/5/47/2
Toshack	16/2/55/0
Barnes	9/0/23/0
Bradman	1/0/4/0.

RICE IMPORT SCANDAL

Jogeshwari Arrests

(From Our Correspondent)

VILE PARLE, Jan. 26

For the last several days, hundreds of people from Bombay city with or without permits, have been importing large quantities of rice both by train and by bus from Thana and Bombay Suburban-District. Owing to the absence of an adequate checking staff, permit-holders were using their permits for full seven days instead of surrendering them after using them only once. The result was that practically the entire rice stock from the two districts was fast disappearing and they had almost gone dry. Several complaints were made to government wither to have regular checking of permits or suspend their present permit system till adequate arrangements for checking were made.

Both on Saturday afternoon and the whode of Sunday, all trains on the B.B. & C.I. line coming into the city were held up at Jogeshwari and thoroughly searched by a large police force posted at the station with the result that a very large number of people were arrested for importing rice into the city without proper authority. They were later realeased on bail.

Injunction Petition Against Kalyan Municipal Chairman

(From Our Correspondent)

KALYAN, Jan. 26.

Dr. B. K. Modak, Municipal Councillor, Kalyan, filed an injunction notice in the court of the Sub Judge Kalyan against Mr. Anandrao S. Pai, President Kalyan Municipality, requesting the court to disqualify Mr. Pai for presiding over the Municipal General Board Meetings but the Sub-Judge overruled the injunction notice and passed orders in favour of Mr. Pai. Dr. Modak has also filed a suit against Mr. Pai, the Municipal President. Mr. Modak's plea is that the Municipal President has resigned his membership as well as the Presidentship. Mr. Pai denies the fact that he has resigned. The case has been fixed for 30th inst. for hearing. Briefly the facts are as under: It was reported that some time back Mr. A. S. Pai, the President of the Kalyan Municipality had resigned his membership and also the Presidentship. It was published in the Evening News of India to that effect. But Mr. Pai said at that time that he had not resigned. Some of the Municipal Councillors say that they have actually seen the resignation letter and the Chief Officer also supports the allegation.

Alleged Members Of House-Breaking Gang Arrested

BOMBAY, Monday

Kanji Ahmed Jainuddin and 6 other persons arrested early this morning as they were moving about in a suspicious manner near Eros Cinema were produced before Mr. G. K. Rege Presidency Magistrate, at the Esplanade Court this morning.

The police stated that while they were going about on their night rounds at 2 a.m. they saw some of the accused trying to extinguish the street light. Their suspicions aroused, they surrounded the gang and searched them, when, it was alleged they found housebreaking tools and implements on them.

Suspecting that the men constituted the gang responsible for several burglaries in this locality, in which no trace was left except some fingerprints, they took the men in custody.

The Magistrate allowed the accused to be released on bails of Rs. 500 each.

Police Witness Arrested

A police witness in an Abkari offence, who promised to give "favourable" evidence in his cross-examination for a small bribe of Rs. 25, was laid by the heels, by the A.C.B of the Bombay police yesterday.

It was stated that the accused in the present case, one Rajaram Narayan Rane, was the panch witness in another case. Knowing that the case depended on him, he is alleged to have made the proposal to the accused, who informed the A.C.B. who was laid the trap.

Mr. G. K. Rege, Presidency Magistrate, Esplanade Court allowed him bail.

Freer For Semi-final Of Billiards Championship

CALCUTTA, Jan. 26. (A.P.I.): In the All-India Amateur Billiards Championship last night, V. R. Freer, of Madura, entered the Semi-final beating W. Reed in the Quarter Final by 1187 points to 1037.

Freer's highest break was 94 while Reed's were 57 and 58.

Freer now meets Selvaraj in the Semi-final.

Indians Launch Transvaal Campaign

FIRST BATCH FROM NATAL ENTER TERRITORY

VOLKRUST, Jan. 26. (Reuter): Thousands of Indians attended a meeting here yesteray to welcome fifteen of their fellow countrymen who had crossed into the Transvaal from Natal without permits, inaugurating a passive resistance campaign against the Government.

Dr. Yusuf Dadoo Chairman of the Transvaal Passive Resistance Council, addressing the meeting said that the movement was a landmark in the Indian struggle for equal rights. For the second time in 35 years, Indians were attacking restrictions of their movements. "We recall how the grear patriot Mahatma Gandhi, put into practice on South African soil the noble and then untried weapon —Passive Resistance," Dadoo said. He added the present phase was only a symbol of Indian determination to oppose the 1946 Act. Passive resistance movement was not extremist.

Referring to the recently formed South African Indian Organisation Dr. Dadoo said: "I warn General Smuts that Indian people in the Union will not tolerate his Government's attempts to foist stooge organisations on them."

It was obvious he said that General Smuts was seeking Indians "with slavish minds" to act as emissaries to India and Pakistan to convince those Governments to agree to a Round Table Conference on the 1927 and 1932 agreements. "Let me tell Smuts and the so-called Moderates that a round table on this basis is unacceptable to South African Indians and the Governments of Pakistan and India. We want a Round Table Conference on the basis of the 1946 resolution of the United Nations". If the so called Moderates had not the courage to resist the restrictive legislation they should allow the Natal and Transvaal Indian Congress to carry on the struggle.

After the meeting a crowd went to the open space at Fordsburg (Johannesburg) where the fifteen Indians pitched their tents. They will report to the Transvaal Immigration Officer today that they are in the province without permits.

W.F.D.Y. PROTEST AGAINST U.S. ACTION

LONDON, Jan. 26. (Reuter): Moscow radio last night accused the United States Government of having refused transit visas to a delegation from the World Federation of Democratic Youth which was to have visited Latin American countries. The Secretary of the Federation in protest told the United States Government that this "deliberate action" was regarded as an attempt to "discriminate against an international organisation which has a membership of more than 50,000,000 young democrats" the radio said. Similar protests on behalf of delegates, who represented India, France, Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia, Republican Spain, Canada, the United States the Soviet Union and the international students alliance had been field with the state department by youth organisations of a numebr of countries in Europe and Latin America. Moscow radio added.

It's A Move Against Russia

TEHERAN, Jan. 25 (Reuter): Both the Marshall and Bevin Plan spring from the same motive—a battle line against Communism—a leftist Persian newspaper "Irane Ma" said today.

"This union will not promote peace" it added.

The democratic "Iran" called British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin's proposals for the broad idea of a Western European Union a "direct reply to Soviet Russia, which virtually formed a union of Eastern Europe and is a grave danger to world peace.

Agricultural Exhibition At Dahanu

(From Our Correspondent)

DAHANU, Jan. 22.

An agricultural-cum-horticultural exhibition will be organised at Mahalaxmi, a village 20 miles off Dahanu Road station, in the last week of April, when a great fair is held there every year. A number of Adiwasis as well as several hundreds of others throng every year to this fair. Taking advantage of this, an exhibition, containing stalls demonstarting various types of agricultural implements and seeds, horticultural and forest products, as well as products of various village industries, is being arranged by persons interested in the agrarian problems of this Taluka. A representative committee headed by Mr. V. V. Kirtane M.L.A.—a veteran Congress leader of Thana District—is busy making elaborate preparations for the said exhibition. The committee intends to organise a large number of variety entertainment programmes which will bring home to the Adiwasis the evil effects of drink and emphasise the need of taking education. The committee is expecting members of the cabinet to visit the exhibition and thus meet the Adiwasis who would be there ta witnes the exhibition.

HEALTH EXHIBITION AND BABY COMPETITION AT KALYAN

(From Our Correspondent)

KALYAN, Jan. 26.—The Health Exhibition and Baby Competition organised by the Mahila Utkarsh Mandal, Kalyan on the 24th, 25th and 26th instant was attended by thousands of women of the city. Eminent doctors from Bombay spoke on various subjects concerning the health of babies and the mothers. Dr. H. V. Tilak, Chief Medical Officer, Nair Hospital, Bombay, spoke on "Children, their food and Health" and gave valuable advice to all the mothers in respect of food and health. The exhibition was declared opened by Mrs. Shirinbai Maneckji Bhiwandiwalla, a wealthy landlady of the city who donated Rs. 151 for the exhibition. Dr. Tilak has donated Rs. 260. Yesterday, Dr. Talwalkar of Bombay, spoke on tuberculosis, its cause and prevention. A Babies' exhibition was held yesterday and prizes were distributed. Today the Mahila Mandal's annual meeting will be held under the presidentship of Mrs. Sumatibai Gore, M.L.A., when Dr. Chitre will address the meeting.

RAJEN BABU TO TOUR THANA DISTRICT

(From Our Correspondent)

KALYAN, Jan. 26

The Congress President, Dr. Rajendra Prasad, will arrive from Delhi by air on the 30th evening at about 5 p.m. He will immediately go to Bassein and address a public meeting and then proceed to Palghar. The next day morning he will arrive in Dahanu and will return to Bombay the same evening. At 4 p. m. he will declare open the Majdur Congress and then he will go to Thana at 6 p.m. Kalyan 7-30 p.m. and Bhiwandi at 9-30 p.m. He will address public meetings in the above places and then will proceed to Ahmednagar District by air next day.

The Thana District Congress Committee has decided to present Dr. Rajen Babu with a purse of Rs. 20,000 when he tour Thana District.

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Port Trust Contradicts Press Report

BOMBAY, Monday.

A spokesman of the Bombay Port Trust told a representative of the "Chronicle", to-day that the report that appeared in a section of the press stating that the 6,500 workers of the Engineering Department who were dismissed at 2 p.m. on Friday last were offered re-employment, was absolutely baseless.

He said it came as a surprise to them.

Arrangements were now being made to substitute the dismissed strikers by new hands for whom the Port Trust had advertised.

It was too early at this stage to say how many applicants there were for the vast number of vacancies.

The strikers who have the support of all the other sections of technical labour in the Port Trust as well as the rest of the City's industrial labour feel confident that the Port Trust will not be able to carry on long without them.

There is, it is said, a strong move among other sections of Port Trust technical labour to strengthen the cause of their colleagues by also going on strike until there is a settlement of the present dispute.

In the meanwhile the stalemate persists.

CITY & SUBURBS

TO-DAY

Hindu: Posh Vad 1, 2004.
Muslim: Rabi-ul-Avval 15, 1367.
Parsi: Amardad 26, 1317.
Sunrise: 7-14 a.m. Sunset: 16-28 p.m.
Hightide: 00-50, 12-48. Lowtide: 07-02, 18-47

To-day's Engagements

SILVERFISH: Mr. Dinshaw K. Malegamwalla will give talk on "Sweden Today" at 6-15 p.m. at the Club today (Tuesday.)

ROTARY CLUB: Meeting at Green's Hotel today (Tuesday) at 1-45 p.m. when Mr. Dinshaw K. Malegamvala will speak on "Eight Years in Sweden".

INDIAN MERCHANTS' CHAMBER

Managing Committee Election

BOMBAY, Monday.

Great enthusiasm was witnessed near the Indian Merchants' Chamber premises at Church Gate when the election of the Managing Committee of the Chamber was held today.

There were 36 candidates in the field for the 23 seats. These candidates had formed two groups—Democratic and National. The first group had put up 21 candidates while the latter had 8 candidates. The rest were Independent.

A majority of the Democratic group members a few of the National group and some of the independent candidates are said to have secured good support.

The result of the election will be declared tomorrow.

Jogeshwari English School

(From Our Correspondent)

JOGESHWARI, Jan. 26

"The prime need of our country which has now attained freedom is to inculcate a spirit of patriotism in the minds of the youths of the nation and this can well be started in the primary and secondary schools", said Mr. Motichand Shah, presiding over the annual social gathering of the Jogeshwari English School held at Saraswati Bag, Jogeshwari on Sunday evening. Mr. Motichand appealed to the teachers in Indian schools to imbibe in their children patriotic fervour which would be highly beneficial to the best interests of the country.

Earlier, Mr. R. K. Prabhu, the Chairman of the Board of Management of the School in welcoming Seth Motichand and other guests traced the history of the school which from small beginnings 17 years ago had attained the present position of stability and met the educational needs of this little suburban town. Their greatest need, said the speaker, was finance to meet the growing demands of the school particularly a building of its own and a well-equipped laboratory and a gymnasium. Mr. Prabhu appealed to the philanthropic citizens of Bombay and the suburbs to help the institution to the best of their ability. In response to this appeal, Seth Motichand announced a donation of Rs. 1,000 to the building fund of the school.

An interesting programme of entertainment was given by the students of the school which was greatly appreciated by the large audience present on the occasion.

EDITOR AND PROPRIETOR DISCHARGED

BOMBAY, Monday.

Mahindra K. Singh Editor of the 'Rajput Bandhu' a Gujrathi weekly of Bombay and Mr. Shamaldas L. Gandhi, proprietor of Vande Mataram Press, who were being prosecuted for alleged breach of the Paper Control Order, were discharged by Mr. J. M. Barot Presidency Magistrate Mazagaon Police Court.

The charge against the accused was that they published the weekly Rajput Bandhu "without requisite authority from the Central Government.

TODAY ON RADIO

BOMBAY, Jan. 27.

244 m. (1,231 kc/s.)

7-30 a.m. Ramanlal Dave (Vocal), 7-40 News (M), 7-50 News (G), 8-0 News (E), 8-15 News (H), 8-30 S. B. Nagarker (Shahnai), 8-45 Ramanlal Dave (Gujarati Geet (Nanalal), 9-0 Gokulibai Kakodkar (Vocal), 12-0 Variety programme (G), 12-45 p.m. News (M), 12-50 News (G), 12-55 Mile June Gane, 1-25 News (H), 1-30 News (E), 1-40 Joe Loss and his Orchestra Carlton-Warren, 2-0 Juan D'Arienzo and his Tipica (Pettorossi), 2-15 Glean Miller and his Orchestra (Whiting-Donaldson), 4-20 School Broadcasts, 5-0 S. B. Nagarker (Shahnai), 5-15 Jagannathbuwa Pandharpurker (Bhimpalas), 5-45 News (K), 6-0 News (E), 6-10 News (H), 6-15 J. G. Gore (Bhavgeeten), 6-30 Bhaskerrao Amembal (Bhajan), 6-45 P. R. Bhope (Purvi), 7-0 Topic of Day, 7-10 Local, 7-15 S. B. Nagarker (Shahnai), 7-30 Featurised talk (M) by Gangadhar Gadgil, 7-45 Bela, 8-0 News (M), 8-15 News (G), 8-30 Kag No Vagh Roopak (G) by R. D. Lavangia, 9-0 News (E), 9-15 News (H), 9-30 BBC News (E), 9-45 Musical Interlude, 10-0 Korshed Batliwalla—Pianoforte (Handel), 10-15 Pablo Casals—Violoncello (Bach), 10-25 Margaret Fraser-Duff Contralto (Arr Liza Lehmann), 10-30 Pablo Casals—Violoncello (Bach), 10-35 Edith Weiss-Mann—Harpsichord (John Bull), 10-45 Habonim Choir (Modern Jewish Melodies).

VARIATIONS

41-44 m. (7,240 kc/s.)

7-40 a.m. Songs from Stage, 5-45 Ganpatram Krut Bhajano by R. Dave, 6-15 Rural Listeners.

61.48 m. (4,880 kc/s.)

7-45 p.m. Commercial News, 8-0 Snehrashmi Krut Geeto by Ramanlal Dave, 8-15 Bhaskerrao Amembal (Abhang), 9-0 P. R. Bhope (More Mandir Jaijaicranto), 9-10 Gokulibai Kakodkar (Vocal), 9-30 J. G. Gore (Bhavgeet), 10-0 Gokulibai Kakodker (Vocal), 10-20 Jagannathbuwa Pandharpurkar (Shankara).

Maulana Azad's Call To City Municipal Voters

Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, Education Minister, Government of India has sent the following telegraphic message in connection with the forthcoming Municipal Elections:

"TRUST VOTERS WILL ELECT CONGRESS CANDIDATES. WISH THEM ALL SUCCESS".

Acharya Jugal Kishore, General Secretary of the Indian National Congress has issued the following appeal:

"The Bombay Corporation is holding elections several years after they were due. The postponement was due to the communal disturbances in the city. The fresh elections are taking place in a Free India and those that are to be returned to it must be fully conscious of the heavy responsibilities that they will be called upon to discharge. They must have a definite programme for the improvement of the city, whose population since the last elections were held, have increased considerably. The Corporation with newly elected members will have therefore a heavy and important programme to carry out which can only be done if the members returned have a party organisation behind them with a definite programme and a progressive outlook. The Congress in Bombay is the only most effective and progressive body which can implement the programme. The voters should have therefore no difficulty in making up their mind and in supporting the candidates which the Congress Committee will put up. Members so returned will be inspired by Congress ideology and be guided by able leadership. Bombay Corporation has always enjoyed a very high reputation and the Congress Party has played a very progressive note in making the Corporation a live and efficient body.

"There will be, I presume, other parties which will attempt to set up candidates and divert the attention of the voters to issues other than those that are relevant to the functions of the Corporation. The voters must therefore be not carried away by such slogans. The election manifesto of the Congress Party is clear and unmistakable indication of the policies and programme which Congress Party is pledged to give effect to. The Congress has a record of service in the country and in the Bombay Corporation, of which any citizen should be proud and to which every voter must give his whole-hearted support. The discipline which the Congress is able to exercise on its members, and the spirit of service which it alone can inspire in its members, should be a sufficient guarantee that the Corporation will be in safe hands if those standing on Congress ticket and they alone are returned in full strength. All communities and sections of the people, the labourer as well as tradesman, professional classes and businessmen, can confidently look up to the Congress Party to deal fairly and justly with their respective view-points and their claims Indian National Congress will never permit the Congress Party in the Corporation to do anything which will in any way be detrimental to the interests of the citizens of Bombay and will in any way lower the prestige it enjoys as a national organisation and which will forfeit the well-merited confidence it at present inspires in the people.

I, threfore, have no hesitation to call upon the voters to vote only for candidates who have the Congress ticket and not to vote for any other Party, no matter how high-sounding their slogans be. I must also warn the voters against the mushroom Parties which usually spring up at the time of such elections and which have no scrupulous to make extravagant promises. The voters must carefully examine the past record of such Parties before exercising their valuable votes, which if wrongly cast, might peopardise and retard the progress and prosperity of the City and might be responsible for the abuses which they will have no opportunity to correct till the next elections".

Support To Socialist Candidates

The Secretary of the Bombay Keraleeva Samaj writes:—

The Bombay Keraleeya Samaj, at a meeting of its Governing Body unanimously decided to support the candidatures of Sjt. M. Madhavan, Principal Welingker and other progressive candidates from different wards of the city, to the Municipal Corporation. The Samaj appeals to all Keralites to vote solidly for these candidates and ensure their return to the Corporation with an overwhelming majority.

THE BOMBAY ALL-MALAYALEE CONFERENCE

The General Secretary, Bombay All-Malayalee Conference, writes:—

The ensuing election to the Municipal Corporation raises very important issues before the Malayalee public of Bombay.

The election is a test case. The All-Malayalee Conference has decided to support the Socialist Party in the election. We, therefore, appeal to the All-Malayalee public of the city to cast their solid votes in favour of the Socialist Party candidates.

BOMBAY TENANTS ASSOCIATION

The Bombay Tenants Association has decided to give support to the following candidates at the ensuing Municipal elections of the Bombay Municipality.

GIRGAON: 1. Laljee Pendse. 2. Jamnadas Mehta. 3. Sushil Kawalekar.

KHETWADI: S. N. Gokhale. 2. Ardisher K. Munshi.

KUMBHARWADA: R. V. Kulkarni.

BORI BUNDER: Girdharlal Sanghani.

DADAR: S. G. Gokhale.

MAHIM: G. J. Mane. 2. T. B. Kamble.

WALKESHWAR: H. J. Pathak.

Mr. Ardeshar K. Munshi's Candidature

Mr. Ardeshar K. Munshi, is standing as an Independent candidate at the forthcoming elections for the Bombay Municipal Corporation from the Khetwadi Ward No. 13.

15 FOOD SHIPS REACH BOMBAY

BOMBAY, Jan. 26.—Fifteen food ships carrying over one lakh tons of foodgrains reached Bombay during the period January 1 to 22.

The foodgrains which are for allocation to Bombay and other parts of India consisted of Wheat 57,396 tons, Rice 5,000 tons, Maize 24,874 tons, Wheat flour 2,680 tons, Millo 3,227 tons, Barley 9,652 tons.

KHER'S ASSURANCE TO SIND REFUGEES

An unqualified assurance that the Government of Bombay would continue to do all it could for the refugees was given by the Premier of Bombay, Mr. B. G. Kher, when spokesmen of refugees from Sind met him on Saturday evening.

Mr. Nanak Motwani, on behalf of the refugees, narrated how the once well-to-do Sindhis had been reduced to utter destitution and appealed for sympathy and generous aid to rehabilitate the displaced persons who had arrived in Bombay.

While expressing his own and his Government's deepest sympathy for the refugees, the Premier emphasised the numerous measures that the Government had already taken to provide them with shelter and their students with educational facilities. The Government was also considering proposals to help the refugees to develop agricultural colonies in suitable areas of the Province.

Walchand & Co.'s Dispute For Industrial Tribunal

The Government of Bombay has referred the dispute between Walchand and Company Ltd., Bombay (Managing Agents of Hindustan Construction and eight other companies) and the workmen employed under the companies in their Head offices at Bombay and represented by the Construction Employees' Union, to the Industrial Tribunal consisting of Mr. M. C. Shah.

WIFE ON THEFT CHARGE

Sarwari Begam a resident of Phydoni Police Section who is alleged to have committed theft of ornaments and cash collectively valued at Rs. 3,395 from her husband's house in the last week was arrested yesterday by the police.

Mohamed Samshad the brother of the accused who it is stated aided and abetted the offence was also arrested.

Some part of the stolen property, according to the police, have been recovered from the accused who were today ordered to be released on bail by Mr. Hatia, Presidency Magistrate Mazagon Police Court.

Inquiry Into Prices Of Cloth And Yarn

Tariff Board To Issue Fresh Questionnaire

While announcing their decision in the Press communique dated January 19, 1948, regarding controls over cloth and yarn, the Government of India have directed that the Indian Tariff Board's inquiry into prices of cloth and yarn should be continued.

In view of this development the Tariff Board will shortly issue a fresh questionnaire in place of the questionnaire previously issued.

Inquiry Into Railway Accident

BOMBAY, Jan. 26.—Pandit P. N. Mubayi, Government Inspector of Railways, Circle No. 5, Bombay, will hold an inquiry at Lonavla Railway Station starting at 8 a.m. on Wednesday, January 28, into the railway accident which occurred to 25 Down Passenger between Karjat and Lonavla stations on January 23, 1948.

Any member of the public having knowledge relating to the accident and matters connected therewith and desiring to give evidence, may do so at Lonavla railway station on the date mentioned above, or write to the Government Inspector at Bombay.

Control On Distribution Of Kerosene Oil To Go

The Government of Bombay has decided to remove the control on the distribution of kerosene oil in the whole of this Province except in the rationed areas of Greater Bombay, Poona, Sholapur and Ahmedabad with effect from February 1, 1948. The control on inter-district movements within the Province will also be removed from the same date.

In order that kerosene oil may not be smuggled out of this Province, the Government has promulgated an order prohibiting movement of kerosene oil outside the limits of the Province of Bombay to any places within India, except under a permit issued by the Director of Civil Supplies, Bombay. This order will, however, not affect the normal movements effected by the oil distributing companies and their agents or by the Naval, Military and Air Force personnel or by bonafide consumers carrying kerosene oil in quantity not exceeding one-eighth gallon in a lantern. The order has been published in the Bombay Government Gazette Extra-ordinary, dated January, 27, 1948.

The control on prices will be maintained in the whole of the Province as hitherto.

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ALL INDIA WEATHER

POONA, Jan. 26 (A.P.I.)—The following is the weather chart showing the maximum and minimum temperatures and rainfall in inches during the past 24 hours from 1st November 1947 and departure from normal recorded at 08.00 hours I.S.T. on 26th January 1948:—

Ahmedabad 81 59 0 4.4 plus 4.1; Allahabad 79 51 0 0.5—0.9; Baroda 85 49 0 02—BOMBAY 81 67 0 0.3—0.4; Calcutta 76 61 0 1.0 plus 0.6; Delhi 74 47 0 2.6 plus 1.4; Hyderabad Dn. Nil. Karachi nil.

WEATHER SUMMARY

The following is the weather summary for Monday the 26th January 1948:

The secondary western disturbance is moving away across the Western Himalayas. A fresh western disturbance is approaching Baluchistan.

Rainfall has occurred at a few stations in the Punjab-Kumaon Hills and in Malabar. Night temperatures have fallen in north-east India, the central parts of the country and East Deccan.

FORECAST UNTIL THE 27TH EVENING: Scattered precipitation is likely along the Western Himalayas and North Baluchistan.

A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Health lies in labour, and there is no royal road to it but through toil.

—WENDELL PHILLIPS.

The Bombay Chronicle

PLEBISCITE IN KASHMIR

The discussion at the Security Council on Kashmir, which showed at one time a tendency to widen out so as to include irrelevant and less urgent issues between India and Pakistan, has again been confined, for the present, to the original dispute about Kashmir. This was due mainly to the Indian Delegation's insistence, supported by Britain and the U.S.S.R., that the Kashmir case should be dealt with first and that other matters might be taken up only if and when their consideration was found necessary. Even Sir Mohamed Zafrullah agreed to priority for Kashmir, expressing only a desire that "if they should reach a stage where the Council was unoccupied, then these other matters should be taken up and not considered as excluded owing to any technicalities." As Sir Mohamed has made many accusations against India and these may need a fuller rejoinder than the Indian Delegation has made, India will not, and should not, shirk the discussion of other issues, provided that the Kashmir case is finished first. It is however, generally believed that, once the Kashmir dispute is settled, other issues will be settled almost automatically.

As regards Kashmir, both India and Pakistan having agreed that the main issues involved therein should be decided by the people of the country, both the Delegations decided to draft plans for holding a plebiscite in Kashmir. The drafts will be considered today if ready in time. The question has thus been narrowed down to the conditions essential for a successful plebiscite. The most obvious condition is that all sections of the State people should feel reassured that they can give their vote freely. It follows that fighting in the State must cease and law and order restored. It follows, too, that the raiders from outside Kashmir must withdraw from the State and the refugees therefrom should be helped to return to their homes. As regards the Indian troops, they proceeded to Kashmir to defend the State at the ruler's request. As the State has acceded to the Indian Union, though provincially, the latter has a responsibility in the matter. In these circumstances the Indian troops cannot be regarded as outsiders. Only, as soon as the outside raiders withdraw from the State and Pakistan agrees not to help them in any way, a part of the Indian force can probably be withdrawn, leaving behind whatever is necessary to maintain law and order against any emergencies.

To ensure the full success of the plebiscite and particularly to enable all the people to vote freely and fearlessly it has been suggested by some delegations at the Security Council that there must be an Indian Government that is as impartial as possible so as to facilitate the return of emigrants and so as not to exercise pressure on the people. Speaking on this point, Mr. Warren Austin of the United States said: "Is it not worthwhile for the parties in search for peace and a settlement to conduct all stages of the proceedings—especially on the plebiscite—under the aegis of the Security Council? I do not propose sending the Security Council on the spot but let it supervise the interim arrangements to guarantee the free will of the Kashmir people. Afterwards no doubt will arise on the question of a permanent Government". What is suggested is not a Government nominated by the Security Council to replace the present Interim Government. Such a procedure will, among other evils it may bring in its train, encourage any country to create trouble first with another and then refer the dispute to the Security Council in the hope of weakening the country accused. Mr. Austin's words "to conduct all stages of the proceedings—especially on the plebiscite—under the aegis of the Security Council" suggest only that a special agency should be created to conduct all the proceedings in connection with the plebiscite, including protection to returning emigrants, and that this agency should be only "supervised" by the Security Council so as to ensure the expression of "the free will of the Kashmir people". If so, it should not be difficult for India to help in creating such an agency. Having referred the dispute to the Security Council, India will not fail to give the necessary help to the Council in settling the dispute permanently.

Textile Industry Annual

This latest edition of a well-known annual (Cotton Textile Industry Annual. 1946-47. M. P. Gandhi, Rs. 6 Gandhi and Co. Bombay.), is to be welcomed by all who desire to acquaint themselves with all aspects of the cotton industry. Besides statistical material and a historical survey of the textile mills industry during the last year the book contains a very informative appendice on cotton and on the hand-loom industry. No part of the industry is neglected. While in awarding praise or blame for past occurrences Mr. Gandhi has tried to maintain a commendable impartiality as between capital and labour he has not been able to suggest any more reasonable or effective policy for the future than one based on conciliation of the millowners. The sooner responsible critics of Labour and Government realize that control cannot be onesided and protection involves specific obligations the better. An internal reorganization of the Indian cotton textile industry designed to integrate the resources of all the mills as one unit of national production is long overdue. So long as this is not done the least efficient of mills sets the measure of fair prices for all which is too burdensome for the consumer because of absolute shortage and too profitable for the relatively better equipped. It does not seem probable that the cloth famine will soon wane and this is just the time when the industry should of its own accord rationalize and integrate. If it encourages the policy of go slow and sticks out for its pound of flesh the inevitable reactions are bound to be very unfortunate to all concerned. One wishes that an exceptionally well-informed and fair-minded authority that Mr. Gandhi is he would have come out with timely advice to the millowners on this vital subject. As it is the publication is one which no student of Indian cotton industry can afford to miss and we hope in the next issue we shall have a glimpse into Mr. Gandhi's views about the reconstruction and reorganization of the premier Indian industry.

Frankly Speaking

Our National Flag

Our New Delhi correspondent understands that the Government of India will shortly publish a resolution defining the use of India's National Flag by the public. Indiscriminate use of the Flag at present indulged in, he says, will be stopped and the National Flag will only be used on occasions of national rejoicing. The National Flag is the symbol of India's Freedom and Honour and due respect must be paid to it by every citizen. At present the manner in which some Government representatives as well as private citizens use the Flag is hardly consistent with the respect due to it. The action that the Government proposes to take is, therefore, as welcome as it is urgent.

Communal Harmony In Delhi

At his prayer meeting on Sunday Gandhiji expressed his deep satisfaction at various signs of restored communal harmony in Delhi and the assurances of numerous Hindu and Sikhs to maintain that harmony. One notable sign of the happy change is the revival of the annual celebrations of the Urs at the Bakhtiar Chisti's Dargah and the repairs made by Hindus and Sikhs in the Dargah, damaged during recent riots. It is also notable that 57 of the about 100 mosques occupied by Hindus and Sikhs have been evacuated and repairs have begun. The other mosques, too, are expected to be evacuated very soon, the occupants only waiting to find any tolerable alternative accommodation. Encouraged by all these signs of restored communal harmony, Gandhiji has asked Hindus and Sikhs to get with them more Muslims to the prayer meetings. Suitable response to his wish will itself go a long way to maintain permanently the present good relations between all the communities.

Linguistic Provinces

The principle of linguistic provinces having been long recognised by Congress, the formation of new provinces on a linguistic basis is now only a question of time. The Government of India wishes to delay a little that change as the country is already suffering from the unexpected consequences of the sudden partition of India and as the Government wishes first to ensure normal conditions before partitioning provinces. That process is sure to create discontent between provinces when districts or parts of districts decide, on the linguistic or any other basis, to join a province other than the generally expected. If this fear is baseless let the areas wishing immediately to be formed into new provinces come to a settlement between themselves about their boundaries in general or the districts claimed by them. What for instance, is the position of Bombay City? If it is to be formed into a separate province, what of areas wishing to be part of it? These are not imaginary difficulties. They have already arisen and those who are in hot haste about forming new provinces may try coming to an understanding about their boundaries. If the disputes that have already begun are likely to create inter-provincial tension, is it not wisdom and a duty to take up the whole question of new provinces when normal conditions are restored in India?

OUR READERS' VIEWS

B. P. T. Docks Tonnage Figures

Sir,—In view of statements which have appeared in your paper recently in connection with the strike of Bombay Port Trust employees, the following figures may be of interest to your readers. They give the actual tonnage of imports and exports landed and loaded in the Docks during the three periods from the 26th of December to the 25th of January during the three years 1945-46, 1946-47 and 1947-48.

Period: 26-12-45 to 25-1-46. Import: 278,090. Export: 155,400. Total Tons: 433,490.

Period: 26-12-46 to 25-1-47: Import: 238,752. Export: 74,651. Total Tons: 313,403.

Period: 26-12-47 to 25-1-48. Import: 335,205. Export: 135,403. Total Tons: 470,608.

From these figures, it is evident that a considerably greater tonnage has been worked during a period of one month during the strike than during corresponding periods during the previous two years.—Yours, etc.

F. SEYMOUR WILLIAMS,
Docks Manager, Bombay Port Trust.

Bombay Govt. And Refugee Camps

Sir,—Whereas the Central Government is doing its best and only yesterday the 15th January 1948, Pandit Nehru our Prime Minister assured a big gathering in Delhi that by the next week every refugee will be housed; the Bombay Government are said to have issued an order posted in Refugee Camps to the effect that all the Government Refugee Camps will be closed before the monsoon and as such refugees are requested to make their own housing arrangements. This order besides being contradictory to the order of the Delhi Government makes the refugees wonder and put them in dilemma. The feeling of those who are compelled to leave their home-land, under pressure of communalism created by the division of India can well be judged, when our own Government (Provincial) directs them to make their own housing accommodation when they, the Government themselves are unable to find houses for all (50,000 applications against 250 vacancies). Does this mean that the Government wish to encourage indirectly the PUGREE evil, for which so much is being done to stop and for which also the refugees have no funds. Would it not be convenient to convert these camps in tenements and make them permanent? It is requested that the authorities will kindly elucidate on the subject.—Yours, etc.

A REFUGEE.

DHARWAR: (By Mail):

RE-CONSTITUTION OF CONGRESS

(By N. H. Pandia)

II

All these principles and programmes will, however, merely adorn paper, remain sterile, unless vitalised by and through a vigorous and comprehensive electorate. The General Secretary and convener of the Constitution Committee did well to invite suggestions as to membership and elections. The following suggestions are made by a Congressman, in a spirit of goodwill. In any democratic body, membership and election are of fundamental importance. If the qualification for membership or the method of election is such as to drive people of potential work to the nation, into exile, that is a loss to the nation and should be remedied. The opinion is widely shared that at present all is not well with Congress in this regard. It is possible, nay, not difficult, under the present rules, for one to win an election by adopting the famous methods of the Honourable Samuel Slumkey of Slumkey Hall as depicted by Charles Dickens in Chapter 13 of the Posthumous Papers of the Pickwick Club, or to bluster one's way to prominence, or for political opportunists, yes-yes and quite—quite men, spivs and drones to creep into office and stay on with more tenacity than conviction. Shorn of adventitious glamour, they are ciphers and they know it and the people know it.

RULES FOR MEMBERSHIP

If Congress, in the altered state of circumstances in the country, claims or hopes to maintain its leadership and national character, it should radically alter its rules as to enrolment of membership and its rules as to election on Committees. These should be such as do not keep out good men and true, who in consequence, are driven to find cultural escape in pessimism. The rules should be such as to enable all sections of the people to avail themselves of them and to "ensure an equal representation to all nation building interests." No one such interest should be permitted, by sheer force of numbers, to keep out or preponderate over any other nation building interest. The work should be shared by all sections of the people For the common good, all should be brought to work. There should be an equal division of labour and there should be integration. Such a method alone can henceforward call for the interest, enthusiasm, confidence and support of the people.

FUNCTIONAL APPROACH.

How can all this be accomplished? In answer, I am suggesting in the following lines, a veritable revolution in the approach to the problem. In a word, I suggest a "functional approach". It is a solution, or call it innovation if you like, which if accepted, will, I submit, infuse new life, inspire confidence in, and draw all sections of the people into Congress, furnish a breeding ground of leaders in each functional group, and in each group, stimulate workers into activity. In a word, Congress could make itself a live fully speeded-up factory of national welfare.

Taking a very broad view of Indian society, our people are found to take either to the professions, or to trade and commerce or to service (chakri) or to agriculture and husbandry. These compose the living organism which we call the Indian Society. The predominant motive of the first named group, e.g. scientists, doctors, lawyers, the clergy etc., is public service through knowledge; of the second group, e.g. merchants, is public service through acquisition of monetary gain of the third group, e. g. middle class householders of both sexes, self-preservation; and of the fourth group, self-dependence. Then there is the group which should be welcome; viz. students. The sixth group may be styled the residuary group, made up of individuals who do not or do not choose to find a place in any of the previously mentioned groups. Every one of these groups contributes or is expected to contribute its quota to the building up and progress of the nation. Each group has a distinctive place in, and is of equally vital importance to society and the State. The group principle is a part of Indian heritage and one that has been responsible for preserving the existence of Indian Society, notwithstanding centuries of vicissitudes that have overwhelmed other nations.

ALL GROUPS MUST BE REPRESENTED

If Congress is to represent the people, it follows that its Constitution should be so framed as to include representatives of each of these groups. What is equally important: (1) all these groups should be placed on a horizontal level; and (2) no one group should be overrepresented in numbers, on Committees. Under the present method of elections, representation on committees is haphazard and lopsided; often times there results unequal representation of the aforesaid groups in the body of Congress and its Committees. Consequently, there is lack of equilibrium and it is found difficult to keep the ship on course. Such a state of affairs is consonant neither with proper organisation, nor with efficiency, nor with democracy, nor with professions of Congress working for a government of the people, by the people and for the people.

On the other hand, the method recommended above will not only produce a stabilising effect; it will bring all nation building groups within Congress; it will cut at the root of communalism and other isms; it will call for the best in each nation building group; it will guarantee equality of opportunities to every group; it will promote group responsibility; it will ensure balanced representation to all sections of the people; and it will shatter the dangerous avalanche of mobocracy, into six pieces.

All adult persons would be eligible for membership under this scheme. The qualification for membership should be an undertaking to work, in all good faith, for furtherance of one or more specified items on the Congress Programme. When enrolling oneself as a member, one should be required to be enrolled at one's option, in any one or other of the groups specified above. The option as to the group as exercised, should hold good for two years.

The Constitution should provide for Committees being appointed, to carry out the programme. There should be a separate and responsible Committee for each item of the programme. There should further be a co-ordination Committee, made up of representatives of each Committee. Every Committee should have on it an equal number of representatives of each of the aforesaid groups "elected by and from each group." Election to every Committee (including primary Committees) should be by each group. There should be no special qualification prescribed for any elective post. The appointment to posts should be left to the good sense of the electors constituted into groups as above. Elections should be held every two years instead of one year to introduce some stability in administration.

If what is stated above is accepted in principle the details may be worked out. In any case, it has to be acknowledged that the time has arrived when we should devote time, intelligence and energy to build up and present our type of Indian democracy to the world besides giving compelling demonstration of its worth. We have to make our democracy, an article of export. But if we do not work it here, we have a lot of nerve to ask or expect other people to take it. Good-bye, then to all talk of India "giving a message to the present distraught and disintegrating world."

(CONCLUDED)

PROMOTION OF INTERNATIONAL UNDERSTANDING

Central Bureau To Be Set Up In Britain

The creation in Britain of a Central Bureau for Educational visits and Exchanges has been announced by the Minister of Education, Mr. George Tomlinson. The establishment of this national agency for promoting cultural exchanges and international understanding is one of the first tasks being undertaken by the Educational Co-operating Body for the UNESCO in Britain.

A Committee, under the Chairmanship of Sir Ronald Gould, General Secretary of the National Union of Teachers, will organise the scheme. It will be financed by the Ministry of Education in conjunction with the various bodies making use of its services.

The Bureau will not start functioning until it has made a preliminary survey of the activities of the many agencies in Britain and abroad already engaged in work of this nature. It will co-operate actively with them and supplement them by undertaking the responsibility for arranging visits to Britain by teachers and students from abroad and for exchange trips to other countries from Britain.

German Students Sign As Hitler, Goering And Goebbels

LONDON: (IPS): A Frankfurt dispatch says the German University students are defying the American-sponsored regulations of the university authorities. As a protest against new regulations compelling them to attend all lectures many Frankfurt University students sign the class registers with signatures of Hitler, Goering, Goebbels and other missing Nazi leaders.

"BACK TO LAND" CAMPAIGNS IN BRITAIN

LONDON, (IPS): The British Government have planned a series of three "Back to Land" campaigns for this year. The first is a drive for 100,000 additional farm workers. This will be followed by spring campaigns to popularise women's land army and an appeal for holiday volunteers.

German Typewriters In Br. Market Again

LONDON, (IPS): German typewriters manufactured in the Russian Zone of Germany have arrived in the British market. Leading British firms have bought them and selling in Britain. The Russian authorities have given export licenses to Germans who are very prompt in delivering goods as per terms of contract, to the scheduled time. British firms will re-export them to the dollar markets very soon.

THREE "MUSTS" FOR BRITISHERS

LONDON, (IPS): "Everybody ought to be able to swim, ride a bicycle and drive a car". These were three musts, Dr. Rey Barnes, the Bishop of Birmingham gave to the boys of the Birmingham Grammar School.

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WITHOUT COMMENT

"I would regard it as an unalloyed tragedy for our country if the day ever should come when military commanders might be selected with an eye to their future potentialities in the political field rather than exclusively upon judgment as to their military abilities."

—General Eisenhower, while refusing the Presidential nomination.

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Mr. Bevin's European programme could be expressed in two words—"Split Europe"—declares "Pravda", the Soviet Communist Party newspaper in its first comment on the plan.

But not "Quit Europe"—to be sure!

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"Our overwhelming interest is," said Mr. Philip Noel-Baker, the British Minister of State, while speaking on the Kashmir issue in the Security Council, "that truth and justice shall prevail."

Not the British version of truth and justice as heretofore,—we hope!

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NEW YORK, Jan. 25.—The New York "Times" today declared that Professor Eugene Varga, the leading Soviet economist, had been dismissed from an important post and 20 other important Soviet economists were in disgrace for adopting views on foreign relations opposed to the Communist Party line.

The local Comrades may be trusted to come out next Saturday with a thundering denunciation of Varga and Company.

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Gandhiji observed during his prayer meeting on Sunday that since legally Pakistan was now a foreign territory, he could go there only with the permission and consent, if not the invitation, of the Pakistan Government.

Karachi can now heave a long and audible sigh of relief.

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The Police should now be the protector of the people, said Mr. Morarji Desai in a speech in Ahmedabad.

So long of course they were meant to protect the Raj—from the people!

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Mr. Asoka Mehta next deplored Communist intervention and spurned their offer of help for a general strike in support of the Port Trust strike. He further called upon them to quit Bombay for, he said, they have finished their role in this city.

And Mr. Mehta has just begun his —with a vengeance!

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India's heart is still sound—declares Rajkumari Amrit Kaur, the Health Minister.

Thanks be for this expert advice. We had almost begun to wonder....

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"What's the matter?

"Oh, my husband is so absent-minded. After breakfast he left a tip on the table, and when I gave him his hat he gave me another tip."

"Well, that's nothing to worry about. Just force of habit."

"That's what worries me. He kissed me when I gave him his overcoat."

Gandhiji Has Revived Glory That Was Hind

(BY DR. SYED MAHMUD)

Mahatma Gandhi has broken his fast. When he began his fast I addressed an open letter to His Excellency Mr. Jinnah requesting him to take the responsibility for giving a personal assurance for the faith, life and property of the minorities in the Dominion of Pakistan. The High Commissioner for Pakistan, evidently on the authority of his Government, has assured Mahatma Gandhi that his Government would do its best to protect the faith, life and property of the minorities there. On a similar assurance from the leaders of the different parties and communities in the Indian Union, Mahatmaji decided to break his fast. His fast is over and the world has heaved a sigh of relief. The fast has awakened the conscience of the world.

Muslims in Indian Union no less than Hindus gave unique response and offered prayers. From reports available it is clear that the heart of Pakistan was equally moved by the fast and its implications. Ex-Premier Blum of France considers that the fast was likely to change the present current of world thought and help in ushering a new order based on love and peace.

SIGNIFICANCE OF FAST NOT UNDERSTOOD

While the world was rejoicing on the successful termination of the fast news has come that an attempt was made on the life of Gandhiji. A bomb exploded while he was addressing the prayer meeting. Simultaneously with this have appeared statements from a few responsible persons that Mahatmaji's fast was an unfortunate event and that it was likely to hinder the establishment of a "Hindu Raj" in India. Muslims have been described as a separate and alien community and this actually means the acceptance of the "Two Nation" theory urged by Mr. Jinnah and resisted by Mahatmaji and the Congress all these years. It is clear that the significance of Gandhiji's fast has not been fully realised by that section of our people who propagate the idea of Hindu Raj. May I respectfully ask them whether they realise to what height Gandhiji has raised the cultural level of India and her spiritual status? India has produced great Emperors and warriors but her glory in the world is due to the fact that here were born the author of Gita, the Rishis of the Upanishads, Buddha, Mahabir and Nanak. When Buddha preached his doctrine of Ahimsa, many of his countrymen offered a vehement opposition. Yet his doctrine spread all over the world and raised India to a position that even the mightiest nation of today cannot equal. Mahatmaji has revived the glory that was Hind. To oppose him is to deny the power of the spirit and I hope Hindu India will not be untrue to its heritage.

WAR MUST BE AVOIDED

Even from material point of view, his efforts to stake his life in bringing about communal harmony is of the highest importance for the very existence of India. If the vicious current of communal animosity and hatred be allowed to go on it will sooner or later lead to armed conflict between the two Dominions. And it is conceivable and probably certain, that World Powers may align themselves on one side or the other. It does not require much foresight to see that the whole country may then face chaos and destruction. From this point of view it is essential that no armed conflict takes place between the two Dominions and the foreign affairs of the two Dominions are conducted more or less on the same lines. The way things were going was far from the desired direction and only Mahatmaji could see it, and the only means left to him was to stake his life to change that direction. There is no doubt that for thirty years he has held the pulse of the country in his hands and he has always acted with unerring judgment. Many a time, when he acted contrary to current opinion, even his closest followers thought that he was wrong but every time events proved that he was right. This time also he is right and if we follow him implicitly we can not only keep war out of the boundaries of our country but probably can play a part in keeping war out of the world.

Pakistan's Latest Charge Against India

KARACHI, (IPS): A shipment of American cars meant for Pakistan has been held up in Bombay under orders of India Government. This is stated to be the latest charge of the Pakistan Government against the Indian Union Government. These cars include a de luxe state car meant for the Qaid-e-Azam Jinnah, Governor-General.

120 Ships For Norway

Britain is playing a leading part in the replacement of Norway's wartime shipping losses. During the first 10 months of 1947, Norway imported 261 ships from abroad. Of this the largest quota was supplied by Britain. From January to October, 1947, she sent Norway 120 ships, including both new and second-hand steam and motor vessels. British shipyards will be busy during 1948, fulfilling many more Norwegian orders.

Record Frequencies

A process with which it is possible to record frequencies up to 20,000 cycles per second and play them back has been perfected in Britain, according to Sir Ernest Fisk, Managing Director of the firm which undertook these experiments. This is the first time in the history of sound that such high frequencies, undetectable to the human ear, have been electrically reproduced.

Our London Letter

BRITAIN IN 1947

(From Our Correspondent)

LONDON—If Londoners are celebrating Christmas almost madly that is not in the spirit of "for tomorrow we die," but in the spirit of "tomorrow we live." Last Year when they celebrated Christmas there was no song in their hearts. And as the year advanced the case for cheerfulness became even less convincing. Britain is on the brink of ruin, said even those who do not usually view happenings in this country with pessimism. If she recovers at all, it will be decades before she recovers. The Englishman himself began to feel a bit concerned. The Conservatives, of course, tried to cash in on the nation's difficulties and almost demoralises the public. But today all this pessimism appears to have disappeared as though by magic. Confidence is returning—confidence fully justified by the facts of the situation. Though Britain is not yet out of the wood, she can claim to be almost galloping on the road to recovery.

Cheerful Prospect

Here are tale tell facts!

1. Britain is in sight of the 200,000,000 tons coal target. Miners everywhere are hitting new production records. In the beginning of January Britain will be exporting 200,000 tons weekly. Yet the Conservatives had said, when the nationalisation of mines came into force this year, that the industry, on which depends the very life of the nation, would go to dogs.

2. Steel output is at the highest level in the country's history. Iron and steel exports are ahead in the target for mid 1948, and before metal will be available for manufacturing industries.

3. Cotton and wool production is mounting up.

4. Exports of machinery and electrical goods have actually doubled pre-war volume and over four times pre-war value. Other export figures are also encouraging.

5. In spite of difficulties of raw materials no less than 300,000 houses were built during the year, accommodating nearly a million people.

6. Trade agreements signed with Canada, Australia, Sweden, Denmark, Russia and other countries assure the people of more and better variety of food.

7. Men and women voluntarily work longer and harder.

8. Liquidation of imperialism over large areas has won Britain the good will of millions of people.

The above facts once again prove the falsity of the Tory propaganda that the Socialist Government has brought the country to ruin. Even the diehard "Daily Mail" today admits that things are on the mend, "Though we say it with crossed fingers, we are inching forward into better times."

More Daring Policy Needed

If Britain greeted 1947 crisis conscious, she bids good-bye to it recovery-conscious. But she will have to mind her steps in the new year. Too much reliance on the Marshall pie, may bring disappointment. It may not be profitable to always say ditto to American foreign policy. At home the people have given their confidence to the Socialist Government. The latter must be a little more daring. The recent vote on Princess Elizabeth's allowance showed that quite a large number of Socialist rank and file do not always share the views of the bosses of the party on important matters. Mr. Bevin's clean slate of failures as Foreign Secretary has caused discontent in rank and file. A little heart searching occasionally will not be found to be bad for its health by the Socialist Government. The Labour Government can expect to carry on in office in 1948. The Tories will not be able to stage a come back even though they have almost entire press at their back. But if the Labour Government alienates its followers, loses their confidence, it is doomed. The Labour Government has little reason to be ashamed of its 1947 record. It is to be hoped that this record will be bettered in 1948.

"RED LETTER DAY" IN HISTORY OF INDIA

Rajen Babu Unfurls Tricolour At Delhi Volunteer Rally And Calls For Pledge To Preserve Swaraj

NEW DELHI, Jan. 26 (UPI)—"January 26 is a Red Letter Day in the history of India. On this auspicious day we are to pledge ourselves to preserve our hard-won freedom, keep peace and harmony in the country and help the Government to solve our intricate problems."

Thus observed Dr. Rajendra Prasad, the Congress President, unfurling the National Flag at a rally of volunteers in celebration of the Independence Day today.

Dr. Rajendra Prasad further said: "On this day, 18 years ago, we pledged ourselves to achieve 'Swaraj.' Every year we renewed the pledge. We suffered and many lost their lives but we remained firm on our pledge, and ultimately we achieve our goal. Today we are again to take the pledge not to achieve Swaraj but to preserve it, come what may. Swaraj does not only mean taking over the administration of the country by the people of the country, but it means also eradication of poverty, ignorance and all other banes of servitude to which India was subjected to by the foreign power."

Continuing the Congress President referred to the situation created by religious fanaticism and added that no Government was ever confronted with such a problem as the Government of India had at present in regard to giving relief and rehabilitating huge numbers of people who had to come away from their places of birth. It was impossible for the Government to tackle the serious problem unless there was complete peace prevailing in the country and also without full co-operation of the people, he said:

Referring to Mahatma Gandhi's recent fast he remarked: "Gandhiji by risking his life, has done the greatest service to the country. He undertook this ordeal to bring about a change of heart among the people, because, although there was no apparent disturbances in the country, there was anger in the hearts of the people." Dr. Prasad appealed to the people to banish that anger and work for communal harmony.

"RALLY ROUND TRICOLOUR"

Nurie's Call To Youth To Support Congress Governments

BOMBAY, Monday.

A call to the country's youth to rally round the banner of the Congress and lay the foundation of lasting peace and unity in the country was made by various speakers at a public meeting held in celebration of the Independence Day at Jinnah Hall this evening.

Mr. M. Y. Nurie who presided recalled the thrilling memories of India's struggle for freedom during the last quarter of a century. He deplored the terrible happenings that had followed in the wake of the partition of the country. Though freedom was achieved it had brought with it its own tale of sorrow and suffering. There was no peace in the country, and without it freedom had no meaning. The Congress goal was that of a united India, and he therefore exhorted them all to support the Congress governments both at the Centre and in the provinces, and thus lay the foundation of lasting peace in the country.

Mr. Nurie went on to criticize the Socialists. That the Socialists who were till yesterday the friends of Congressmen, should sever their connection with the Congress and put themselves in the opposition, was a matter of tremendous disappointment to him. There was an acute shortage of food and cloth in the country. Production and more production was the need of the hour. Obstructive tactics could not solve those problems. What was needed was constructive statesmanship, and he hoped that ultimately wiser counsels would prevail.

"FALSE PROPAGANDA"

Mr. L. M. Patil sounded a similar note as that of Mr. Nurie. The Congress, he said, was working for the masses, and it was therefore wrong on the part of the Socialists to call it a "bourgeois organisation." He believed that the present changed attitude of the Socialists was merely an election stunt, and cautioned the voters in the forthcoming municipal elections against what he called "this false propaganda."

Mr. Lele stressed the desirability of celebrating the Independence Day even after independence was achieved. This, he said, gave them a happy perspective of what was already achieved and a clear conception of what still remained undone.

FLAG SALUTATION PROGRAMMES

The first post-freedom Independence Day celebrations in Bombay to-day, witnessed none of the solemnity or hectic activity usually associated with the observance of that day for seventeen years since 1930.

Apart from a central flag salutation ceremony in the Congress House compound attended by about 500 persons and a few flags fluttering on house tops, there was no other programme in the morning.

Mr. Nagindas T. Master, Ex-President of the Bombay Provincial Congress Committee hoisting the flag in the morning recalled thrilling memories of the long and arduous battle of freedom. But with freedom won India had not reached a heaven of peace and plenty as the fighters for freedom had hoped for. On the contrary, Mr. Matser pointed out, India was still passing through critical times which called not only for the greatest vigilance but for the same spirit of suffering and sacrifice which had inspired the people in the days gone by.

CITY FATHERS ADJOURN FOR SHORT INTERVAL

BOMBAY, Monday.—On a motion by Mr. B. N. Maheshwari, Deputy Leader of the Congress Municipal Party, the Bombay Corporation adjourned today for a short interval in commemoration of Independence Day.

WELINKAR UNFURLS FLAG AT DADAR

Mr. L. N. Welinkar, Principal of the Podar College of Commerce and Economics, unfurled the National Flag at Madhav Wadi, Dadar, in the morning and presided over the public meeting in the evening at the same place. The functions were held in celebration of the Independence Day.

Speeches made on the occasion referred to the emergence of Free India after 18 years since the nation took the pledge of Independence. It was, however, pointed out that the freedom that had come to them had brought new responsibilities to them. On the people now rushed the task of building up the new Democracy based on social justice and equality. In this connection references were made to the Socialist Party's manifesto for the Municipal elections. For the first time in the history of the Corporation and the parties that had gone in it, speakers pointed, the Socialists alone had advocated the electors' right to recall their representative. This meant the Party proposed to hand over the keys of the City to the people themselves. That was how the citizens were initiated in the task of building up the new democracy, the speakers declared.

MADRAS HOMAGE TO MARTYRS

MADRAS, Jan. 26 (API).—Homage to the men and women, who had laid down their lives in the freedom struggles of the country was paid by the Madras Legislative Council at the beginning of today's sitting when the members of the House stood in silence for two minutes as a mark of respect to the departed patriots. League members also associated themselves with the sentiments expressed by the leader.

CELEBRATIONS IN BARODA STATE

SURAT, Jan. 26 (API).—"Independence Day" is being celebrated in various parts of Baroda State by mass meetings taking a pledge to "give all out support to the Prajamandal if it starts a fight for Responsible Government in the State."

Meetings were held today at Kosamba, Nayasari and other parts of Baroda State adjoining Surat. Speakers of all communities explained to the audience that the people should be prepared for any eventuality in case the Maharaja did not agree to grant full responsible government.

WREATHS PLACED ON MARTYRS' TOMBS

CALCUTTA, Jan. 26 (API).—Independence Day was celebrated in Calcutta and its suburbs with due solemnity today. Flags were hoisted and the day was observed as one for the commemoration of the services of all those who had sacrificed for the cause of independence.

A number of martyrs' tombs were erected and wreaths were placed on them.

Mr. Bhupati Majumdar, Irrigation Minister of West Bengal, and one of the Vice-Presidents of the B.P.C.C., hoisted the National Flag at the B.P.C.C. office and also placed wreaths on a martyr's tomb.

Several public meetings have been arranged for the afternoon.

AT AHMEDABAD

(From Our Correspondent).

AHMEDABAD, Jan. 26.—Independence Day was celebrated with enthusiasm in the city. Flag salutations took place in different wards in the morning. Mr. Morarji Desai, Home Minister, hoisted the National Flag at Congress House and called for pledge to preserve their newly won Swaraj.

Sardar's Talks With U. P. Leaders

AGRA, Jan. 26 (UPI)—Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, Deputy Prime Minister of the Government of India, arrived here by air yesterday. He was accompanied by Mr. Satyanarayan Sinha and Miss Maniben Patel. After staying here for the night in the Government Circuit House, he left for Patna by air this morning.

Last night the Sardar had talks with Mr. Srikrishna Dutt Paliwal, Finance and Information Minister of the United Provinces, and other prominent Local Congressmen. He also conferred with the Chairman of the Agra Municipal Board, Chairman of the Local District Board and local officials. Later at night the Sardar, accompanied by Mr. Paliwal and other local Congress leaders, visited the Taj Mahal.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE NEWS

BOMBAY, Monday.

The Rt. Hon'ble Dr. M. R. Jayakar, The Hon. Dr. M. D. D. Gilder, The Hon. Mr. and Mrs. Dinkerrao Desai, the Rt. Revd. The Bishop of Bombay, Mr. and Mrs. V. S. Bhide, Bishop and Mrs. John A. Subhan, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Halsall, Mr. and Mrs. R. N. B. Brunt, Dr. C. J. T. Cronshaw, Mr. P. K. Standring, Mr. and Mrs. J. Turner, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Brelvi, and Mr. T. R. Venkatram Shastri came to lunch.

The Governor of Bombay and Rani Maharaj Singh attended a Reception in celebration of Australia's National Day at the Willingdon Sports Club, where they were received by Mr. H. R. Gollan, Senior Australian Government Trade Commissioner.

British Troops Break Up Jew-Arab Fight

JERUSALEM Jan. 26, (Reuter): British armoured cars with two pounder guns and heavy machineguns last night broke up a battle between Arabs and Jews in the mountains along the Jerusalem — Jaffa Road after more than score of casualties had been inflicted on both sides.

Late last night Haganah radio stated that ten of their men had been killed in the battle, while Arab sources claimed to have killed 17 Jews and to have captured two bren guns, two sten guns and ten rifles.

A Jewish report, unconfirmed from any other sources, said that half the Jewish casualties were caused when British armoured cars, racing to the battle scene, opened up a heavy and prolonged barrage of shells and machinegun fire on both Jewish and Arab positions.

Eye witnesses reported that the wounded lay on the hillside for hours as the rescue parties were not able to reach them owing to the heavy Arab fire.

The Arab force, consisting of several hundred heavily armed men, was led by the veteran Arab guerilla chief Abdul Kader Husseini.

Earlier yesterday Haganah "shoch troops" launched an attack on a Bedouin (nomad Arab) encampment near the Jewish township of Rehovoth, burning tents and a shack and inflicting casualties, Jewish sources in Tel Aviv reported. Haganah said that this raid was a reprisal for the killing of eleven Jews in this area.

GENOCIDE CHARGE TURNED ON PAKISTAN

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view on the leaders of the Muslim League and those in authority in Pakistan I sent one of my colleagues to Lahore.

"He met many leaders of the Muslim League including the Prime Minister of Pakistan, Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan

BLOCKADE AND RAIDS

"While my emissary was engaged in persuading the leaders of Pakistan to support our demand and allow us time to consider the whole issue dispassionately, the Pakistan authorities prevented essential supplies like wheat, salt, cloth, petrol and kerosene oil for which the Kashmir Government had made pre-payment and which had been allotted to us under the All-India basic plan, from being imported into the State by the State's trade agents, thus causing a total economic blockade of Kashmir—their intention obviously being to use 'pressure' on the State and starve it into accession to Pakistan.

"Simultaneously armed raids were organised and allowed to take place from across the territory of Pakistan into the territory of the State all along the border adjoining West Punjab.

"The fight in Kashmir goes on every day and were it not for the succour we are receiving from the Government of India we would have had either to surrender to Pakistan or perish. When I say Pakistan I mean it, for Pakistan is behind all this murder and violence.

"They accuse India of genocide against the Muslims, but forget their own deeds in Kashmir. They forget that they were the authors of the two-nation theory, a theory which led to the mass massacre of Hindus and Sikhs in Pakistan, a theory on which the theocratic State of Pakistan is built, a theory of which the devastation of the Valley of Kashmir is but a logical corollary and a means to achieve an end.

"The raiders are not only allowed transit through the Pakistan Dominion, transport and petrol and arms of the latest type, guidance and supplies, but what is more, a war psychology has been created throughout Pakistan for the invasion of the Jammu and Kashmir State.

"The Pakistan press and Radio have been harnessed to conduct propaganda in favour of the raiders to whom the name of 'Liberation Forces' has been given to conceal their dark intents and darker deeds. The truth of what I am stating before you will be known before long. A commission of the United Nations is to go to Kashmir and investigate the charges of complicity against Pakistan on the spot. Meanwhile what we say is this: We shall refuse to be enslaved by Pakistan. We shall not submit to violence and fraud."

RAIDERS SHELLED AND DISPERSED

Defence Ministry 'Communique' On Kashmir

NEW DELHI, Jan. 26, (A.P.I.): Tonight's Defence Ministry "communique" on Kashmir says:

"North-West and West of Uri Indian artillery engaged and dispersed two bands of raiders who were also shelled.

"Beyond Naushahra our troops occupied two hills. In one case a strong fighting patrol surprised the raiders who were well entrenched and were estimated to be 200 strong. A sweep of the area South-West of Naushahra was successfully accomplished with the aid of artillery and air support.

The total number of casualties inflicted in these engagements were 50 raiders killed and 30 wounded.

"Other bands of raiders seen moving North-West of Naushahra were attacked by aircraft of the R.I.A.F."

"INDIANS FIRST & LAST"

JAMMU, Jan. 26, (A.P.I.): "Lt.-Gen. K. M. Cariappa, G.O. C.-in-C., Delhi and east Punjab command, addressing officers of the Indian forces in Jammu and Kashmir in Jammu City this morning said: "Heavy responsibilities lie on your shoulders as officers of the Indian Army in a free India. Some have expressed a doubt as to the efficiency of the future Indian Army. On account of the reconstitution of the Army there has been a certain amount of dislocation but we can certainly overcome these and build a really first-rate Army. We should be proud of being the pioneers in building up the Army of new India.

General Cariappa advised the officers to set an example to others. "We are all Indians first and last", he said.

HYDERABAD ARRESTS

HYDERABAD (Dn.), Jan. 26 (API).—A Hyderabad Government Press Communique says: Swami Ramananda Tirtha, President of the Hyderabad State Congress, who was proceeding with his plans of active defiance of law and order and was to launch his campaign today by addressing a meeting without obtaining the necessary permission, was in advance arrested at 1 p.m. today. His arrest was followed later in the afternoon by the arrest of Kashinath Rao Vaidya while he was proceeding to carry out plans in place of Swami Ramananda Tirtha.

"Any movement starting to defy Law and Order in the present atmosphere, surcharged as it is, could have easily led to the breach of the peace and to immediate deterioration of communal relations. The Government therefore had to make these arrests to avoid such an outbreak."

MENON PROPOSES TOAST OF BURMA

India Fears No Aggression From Eastern Borders

LONDON, Jan. 26 (Reuter).—India desired no leadership in Asia and was quite happy to be part of team working for the establishment of peace and social justice declared Mr. Krishna Menon, the High Commissioner, in London today.

The history of Asiatic domination by one Power belonged to the past, happily overthrown by the war and the country concerned was now learning ways of democratic rule, he added.

The High Commissioner was speaking at a luncheon given by the Indian Journalists Association.

Proposing the toast of "Burma" Mr. Menon said Indians were happy and confident that on their eastern borders there was peace. They feared no aggression nor had Burma any reason to fear any expansion or any undesirable or illegitimate ambitions so far as India was concerned. The only thing which had expanded from India towards Burma since Buddhism was the gospel of Mahatma Gandhi.

Sir Maung Gyee replied that as long as Burma remained a Buddhist country, she would always look to India as a holy land, the country of origin of her religion 3,000 years ago.

CONGRESS CALL TO CAPITAL AND LABOUR

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wer to mitigate their hardships and improve their standard of living. The Committee, however, notes with regret that certain elements are anxious to exploit the ignorance of the workers to advance their own ends regardless of the real interests of the working class and and impervious to their suffering and financial loss.

GRAVE DANGER

The Committee cannot but view this development as a grave danger to peaceful progress and economic development of the country. The Committee, therefore, appeals to labour to beware of this danger, to keep the interests of the country above any group or party, to raise equal to the grave crisis that faces the nation, to do everything in their power to increase production by avoiding strikes and to make full use of the machinery set up by law for the redress of their legitimate grievances".

DIRECTIVE TO CONGRESSMEN

As a concrete evidence of its desire to help the healthy growth of Trade Unionism in the country, the Congress decided to encourage the Indian National Trade Union Congress which is devoted to the cause of labour. It was hoped that Congressmen interested in labour welfare would cooperate with it and make it a useful instrument of service. Instances have, however, come to light in which Congressmen have identified themselves with other parallel organisations and have thus come into direct conflict with the I.N.T.U.C. in contravention of the Congress policy. This is likely to hamper the healthy growth of Labour Movement on right lines and may create confusion within the Congress.

The Working Committee considers it necessary to make it clear that Congressmen should not join any other labour organisation and should actively support the I.N.T.U.C. This Committee calls upon Subordinate Committees to take up organisation of labour as an important and indispensable item in their programme.

WORKING COMMITTEE

The Congress Working Committee met here today for two and half hours and adjourned to meet on February 18 when the Committee, it is learnt, will consider the final draft of the Constitution Sub-Committee.

All members, except Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, attended today's session. Mahatma Gandhi was also present. Mr. Jagjivan Ram, Labour Minister, and Mr. B. G. Kher, Premier of Bombay, attended by special invitation.

Campaign To Oust Truman

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26. (Reuter): The National Leaders of the Republican Party gathered in Washington in the latter part of January formally to open their campaign to oust President Truman and the Democratic administration at the Presidential election in November.

Their meeting marked the opening of the Republican Party campaign—as distinct from the campaigns of individual Republicans aimed at persuading the Republican Party to nominate them as the Party's presidential candidate at the Party convention in June.

Democrats Blast Republican 'Defeatism' Ask Votes For Truman

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25 (UPA):—The big guns of the Democratic Party to-day fired another broadside at the Republicans' "defeatism" and called on America to pile up a record vote next November for Harry Truman and his ten-year prosperity plan.

The keynote was sounded in a radio rally by Senator J. Howard McGrath, Democrat of Rhode Island, the Party's National Chairman, and by Wilson W. Wyatt, chairman and toast-master at the forthcoming Jefferson and Jackson anniversary banquets.

McGrath said that the Republican-controlled "reactionary" Congress was elected by less than two-thirds of the nation's eligible voters in 1946. Counseling against another "minority election", he denounced the GOP's legislative slate as "economic defeatism and continued inflation with its resultant boom and bust" and called on voters to "roll up a Congressional mandate for President Truman's programme in the greatest popular vote in history."

The rally was one of a series which the Republicans are matching with nation-wide counter-broadsides.

Wyatt reported a "tremendous and heartening response" in his campaign for the traditional fund raising dinners and said that financially they will "go over the top."

"This is a great tribute to President Truman", he said. "It proves that the majority of the American voters are in hearty accord with the President's humanitarian programme."

FRANCO-VIETNAM PEACE PROSPECT

RANGOON, Jan. 26 (Reuter).—M. Emile Bollaert, French High Commissioner, said he was "highly optimistic" of an early and peaceful settlement of the Franco-Vietnam conflict, which has been going on for more than a year, when he passed through here today on his way to Saigon.

"SATISFACTORY TO ALL CONCERNED"

SAIGON, Jan. 26 (Reuter).—M. Emile Bollaert, the French High Commissioner to Indo-China, today forecast a conclusion "satisfactory to all concerned" when questioned about his talks on a settlement of the Indo-China trouble with Bao Dai, former Emperor of Annam, whom he met in Geneva.

The talks are to be continued out here on board a French cruiser anchored off the coast, following M. Bollaert's arrival by air today.

Anglo-Transjordan Treaty Talks

LONDON, Jan. 26 (Reuter).—Britain today agreed to review the military annex of the 1946 Anglo-Transjordan treaty as well as to discuss certain points in the Treaty itself, it is learned from an authoritative source.

The progress was made at a meeting between Tewfik Pasha Abu Huda, the Transjordan Premier, and Mr. Ernest Bevin, the British Foreign Minister. Afterwards Mr. Bevin left London to continue his holiday.

The talks will be continued tomorrow when the Transjordan Delegation will meet Mr. Bernard Burroughs, head of the Eastern Department of the Foreign Office.

Russians Stop Another British Military Train

BERLIN, Jan. 26 (Reuter).—A second British military train from Berlin to the British Zone was stopped by the Russian authorities at the zonal frontier during last night.

Among the German passengers on board were a number who had been turned back when a train was halted by the Russians last Friday.

Saturday night's train, which included one coach of German passengers, was permitted to cross the frontier without incident.

EGYPTIAN MEDICAL MISSION TO PAKISTAN

KARACHI, Jan. 26 (API).—A medical mission to Pakistan will arrive in Karachi from Egypt in the near future, it was learned here tonight.

The Medical Mission will be sent to Pakistan under the auspices of the Egyptian Red Crescent and it is likely that the Medical Mission will be followed by gifts of clothes, blankets and other aids to the Muslim refugees in Pakistan.

UNITED JEWISH FRONT SOMEWHERE IN PALESTINE

Jan. 26, (U.P.A.): Irgun leaders said today that talks were going on with a view to the merging of the military forces of three Jewish underground groups. Irgun Zval Leumi, Haganah and Sternists. Leaders predicted that a fully united command for all Jewish forces would have to be evolved if and when the Arabs begin their offensive.

Shanghai In Grip Of Sub-Freezing Weather

SHANGHAI, Jan. 25. (UPA) Sub-freezing weather gripped Shanghai and took its toll among the city's homeless today. As the temperature dropped to 24.2 degrees Fahrenheit, the corpses of 130 children were picked up off the streets by the Shanghai Benevolent Society and the Tung Jen Benevolent Society. The corpses were found in the poor Chinese quarters.

Franc Devaluation Will Not Handicap Bevin Plan

Cripps On Possibility Of Other Countries Joining Proposed Western European Union

LONDON, Jan. 26 (Reuter)—The British Government does not propose to alter the rate of Sterling in relation to other currencies as the result of France's decisions to devalue the Franc at its controlled rate and to recognise a free rate.

Sir Stafford Cripps, Chancellor of the Exchequer, announcing this in the House of Commons tonight said he did not believe such counteraction "will be rendered necessary or advisable."

TWO-FOLD POLICY

Precautions would, however, have to be taken by Britain. "Our policy will be two-fold: to give any help we can assist the French Government in reaching their objective of a fixed uniform rate, at as early a date as possible and at the same time to take such measures as may prove necessary in the interval to limit the repercussions on our own currency and the many other currencies in which we are closely interested."

Sir Stafford said that after his week-end visit to Paris, he had left a British technical staff there to work out with the French Government the precautions which the British Government must take.

"This is a matter in which we bear responsibility to the whole of the Sterling area and to all those others who are trading on the basis of Sterling", he said "and we must, therefore, maintain our freedom to take any action which may be found necessary.

In any action that we are compelled to toke we shall, of course, exercise the greatest care not to add to the difficulties of our friends more than might prove inevitable."

Cripps' Assurance

Sir Stafford gave an assurance that both Britain and France were anxious that these differences should not interfere with the proposals of Mr. Ernest Bevin, British Foreign Minister, for a Western European Union including these two countries and also Belgium, and Luxemburg, with the possibility of others joining the Union later.

Simultaneous Statements

M. Robert Schuman, the French Prime Minister, and Sir Stafford Cripps, Britain's Chancellor of the Exchequer, are making simultaneous statements to their respective parliaments this afternoon on the French decision to devaluate the Franc and open a free market in Dollars and Portuguese escudos.

At the same time, Britain and France are to begin immediate technical co-operation to minimise repercussions on the relations of the Franc and Sterling area, it was announced in Paris and London.

The new rate for the Franc of 864 to the Pound Sterling and 214.392 to the Dollar was made in the teeth of strong criticism from the International Monetary Fund and Britain.

M. Camille Gutt, the Fund's Belgian Chairman, declared in Washington last night that the French moves might "encourage trade distortions and cast unwarranted doubt on the real strength of many other currencies." Britain associated herself with this criticism in a joint Anglo-French announcement of disagreement.

Monetary Fund's Counter Move Against France

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26, (U.P.A.): Sources close to the International Monetary Fund said today that France may be required to put up $125,000,000 worth of gold to offset any loss the Fund might suffer from the devaluation of the franc.

The Fund holds $125,000,000 worth of francs which it bought from France at the old rate. France got dollars by drawing on her quota to buy machinery and equipment for rehabilitation.

Camille Gutt, Chairman of the Fund's Executive Board, announced that France would not be allowed to draw any more dollars against the $525,000,000 quota she has put into the Fund Part of this quota was in gold and dollars, and part in francs.

TURKEY CONCLUDES DEAL WITH U. S.

ANKARA, Jan. 26, (U.P.A.): Turkey, one of the 16 Marshall plan nations, has concluded a deal to send the United States approximately two-thirds of its output of chrome, an essential ingredient for making steel.

American firms have signed agreements with Eti Bank, a Government Agency controlling two-thirds of Turkey's chrome output, for more than 100,000 tons of high grade chrome. Deliveries to the United States will be made before the middle of 1949 and this means the United States replaces Germany as Turkey's number one customer.

FOLLOWING "WALL STREET LINE"

LONDON, Jan. 25, (UPA): Radio Moscow charged today that British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin followed the "Wall Street Line" with his plan for Europe and said it was doomed to failure because it contradicts the vital interests of European peoples."

The broadcast quoting an article in the Soviet newspaper "Pravda" said "it is the forces of Wall Street that indicated to the British Labour Minister the programme of splitting Europe." It interpreted Bevin's address to Commons on Thursday as an attempt to form a "western bloc."

Bevin was accused of being a turncoat for praising the ideals of the United States.

Plane Missing In Snow Storm In Eastern .US.A.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25, (UPA): A dawn to dusk search by Army, Navy and coast guard planes today failed to locate a twin-engine coast guard plane with at least five men aboard which disappeared early yesterday during a driving east coast snow storm.

Officials said the search would be resumed tomorrow.

High Tide Hits San Francisco

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 25, (UPA): A freakish high tide described by the Coast guard as the highest in years, swept into San Francisco Bay today, flooding sewers and shoreline highways and causing the death by drowning of a San Francisco boy.

University of California experts exploded theories that the tide was an aftermath of the earthquake which rocked the Philippines yesterday. They said that any tidal wave resulting from the Philippines quake would have reached the California coast long before today's tide.

20 INJURED IN BOMB EXPLOSION

ROME, Jan. 26 (Reuter).—Twenty people were injured when a bomb exploded in a building in Messina where a Communist Party dance was being held. The explosion tore a large hole in the wall.

CRUISERS FOR STERLING BALANCES?

LONDON, Jan. 26 (UPA)—It was learned reliably today that India will purchase some of the seven British cruisers which the British Admiralty last week announced were disposable.

It is understood the purchase price would be defrayed from the sterling balances.

PRIMARY TEACHERS' SALARIES

Lele's Amendment Accepted By Schools Committee

BOMBAY, Monday.

An amendment moved by Mr. P. R. Lele in the original resolution of the Schools Committee, vis-a-vis the payment of arrears of increase to primary teachers of the Bombay Municipality, asking for the substitution of the words, "Instead of Feb. 1947 backwards, from April 1946 forwards," was unanimously accepted by the Committee.

The amendment was a sequel to a resolution passed by the Municipal Joint Primary Teachers Association and forwarded to the Committee.

Dr. T. Narvane, Chairman of the Schools' Committee, explained the principle of the original resolution to the Committee and how it was not possible to give definite promises of time, unless the increased grant asked for by the Committee from the Municipal Corporation was sanctioned.

COIMBATORE TEXTILE DEADLOCK

MADRAS, Jan. 26 (API).—Textile workers employed in the various mills in Coimbatore did not turn up for work today—the deadline fixed by the Millowners' Association for resumption of duty.

The managements of the mills have announced a "lock-out" from tomorrow.

Official circles stated that 35 out of 36 mills in the district are affected by the strike while over 30,000 workers are observing a "sit-down" strike.

The Provincial Government today issued an appeal to the workers not to persist in their erroneous conduct but to stop their misguided activities" and resume duty forthwith.

HOLMES OPTIMISTIC ABOUT INDIA

NEW YORK, Jan. 26, (Reuter): The Rev. John Haynes Holmes, who has just returned from a three months lecture tour in India, was optimistic about the Indian situation, when addressing his congregation yesterday.

Mr. Holmes said during the period of his visit the situation improved to such an extent as practically to "assure India against the danger of civil war".

Dr. Holmes said Mahatma Gandhi had set an example for peace which was decisive and that those who spoke of the passing of Mahatma Gandhi's influence and the decline of his power were straying far from the truth. Mahatma Gandhi "has outlived all criticism, all jealousy, all party feeling and holds in his life time a prestige and power that posterity grants only to its sainted dead".

He added he could find no parallel in history for such "exaltation of living man".

WORLD CONTROL OF ATOMIC ENERGY

LAKE SUCCESS, Jan. 26 (UPA)—A leading United States utilities executive today advised the United Nations Atomic Energy Commission to entrust the world control of atomic energy to an 11-man "board of directors" chosen from among the most competent men of all nations.

Delegates of Russia, which has declined to bring Soviet experts before the Atomic Commission's political committee for sessions similar to today's meeting, participated in the Committee meeting but did not join in questioning Barnard.

Dictatorial Powers For 'Raj Pramukh'

Princes' Plan For United State Of Kathiawad

(From Our Correspondent)

RAJKOT, Jan 26.

Provision for a 'Presidium', 'Raj Pramukh' and protection of privy purse of rulers and safeguards for their succession are some of the highlights of the Princes' plan for the United State of Kathiawar. The 'Raj Pramukh' is vested with dictatorial powers, pending the advent of the Kathiawar Constituent Assembly which has to frame a constitution within the terms of the Convenant.

Further details regarding the formation of the United State of Kathiawar as well as the draft as sanctioned by the Kathiawar rulers joining the United State of Kathiawar are as under.

Article 3 (1) There shall be a Council of the Rulers of the Covenanting Salute States (2) There shall be a Presidium, consisting of five members, each of whom shall be the ruler of a Covenanting State and shall be not less than 21 years of age (3) The rulers of Nawanagar and Bhavnagar shall be permanent members of the board. One member shall be elected from among themselves by the rulers of the Covenanting non-Salute States and the other members shall be elected from among themselves by the members of the Council of Rulers, other than Nawanagar and Bhavnagar (4) The Council of Rulers shall elect one member of the Presidium to be the President and another to be the Vice-President of the Presidium, and the President so elected shall be the Raj Pramukh of the United State (5) A ruler elected as a member of the Presidium in pursuance of paragraph (3) or as the President or the Vice-President of the Presidium in pursuance of paragraph (4) of this article shall be entitled to hold office as member, President or Vice-President, As the case may be, for a term of five years from the date on which he enters upon the duties of that office (6) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in the preceding paragraph of this article (A) present Rulers of Nawanagar and Bhavnagar having been elected President and the Vice-President respectively of the Presidium by the rulers concerned on the 17th January, 1948 shall be the first President and the Vice-President respectively of the Presidium (B) The present rulers of Dhrangadhra, Palitana and Kotdasagana having been elected members of the Presidium by the rulers concerned on the 17th and 21st January 1948 shall be the first elected members of the Presidium and (C) The said President, Vice-President and the members of the Presidium shall for the purposes of paragraph (5) of this article be deemed to have entered upon the duties of their respective offices on the 1st February 1948

PRIVILEGES OF RAJ PRAMUKH

Article 4 (1) Raj Pramukh shall be entitled to the same salary allowances and other amenities enabling him to discharge conveniently and with dignity the duties of his office as the Government of Bombay is entitled to on the 20th January, 1948 (a) if the Raj Pramukh is by reason of absence or illness or for any other reason unable to perform the duties of his office those duties shall, until he has resumed them, be performed by the Vice-President of Presidium. During such period, the Vice-President shall be entitled to the same salary, allowances and other amenities as the Raj Pramukh.

COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

Article 5 (1) There shall be a Council of Ministers to aid and advise the Raj Pramukh in the exercise of his functions except those under paragraph (2) of article 7 (2) The Ministers shall be chosen by and shall hold office during the pleasure of the Raj Pramukh (v) For the purpose of choosing the first Council of Ministers, the Raj Pramukh shall convene not later than 20th February, 1948 a meeting of the members of electoral college of Kathiawar, formed for electing representatives to the Constituent Assembly of India but excluding the members from the States of Cutch, Idar and Radhanpur.

DEAD LINE FOR MERGER

Article 6 (1) The Ruler of each governing State shall, as soon as may be practicable and in any event not later than 15th April, 1948, make over the administration of his state to the Raj Pramukh and thereupon (a) All Rights, authority and Jurisdiction Belonging to the Ruler which uppertain or are incidental to the Government of covenanting state shall vest in the United State of Kathiawad and shall thereafter be exercisable only as provided by this covenant or by the constitution to be framed thereunder (b) All duties and obligations of the Ruler pertaining or incidental to the Government of the covenanting state shall devolve on the United State of Kathiawad and shall be discharged by it and also all the assets and liabilities of the United State of Kathiawad.

HANDING OVER MILITARY.

Article 7 (1) Military forces, if any, of each covenanting state shall as from the date on which the administration of such state is made over to the Raj Pramukh become the military forces of the United State of Kathiawad (2) Subject to any directions or instructions that may from time to time be given by the Government of India in his behalf, the authority to raise maintain and administer the military forces of the United State shall vest exclusively in the Raj Pramukh, provided that nothing in this article shall be seemed to prevent the Raj Pramukh from consulting the Presidium or the Council of ministers in regard to any of the said matters.

CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY.

Article 9. There shall be formed as soon as may be practicable, a Kathiawad Constituent Assembly and it shall be the duty of the said assemoly to frame a constitution for the United State, whether of a military or federal type, within the framework of this covenant and the constitution of India and providing for Government responsible to the Legislature (3) Until a constitution so framed comes into operation after receiving the assent of the Raj Pramukh the Legislative authority of the United State shall vest in the Raj Pramukh who may make and promulgate ordinances for the peace and good Government of the state or any part thereof, and any ordinance so made shall have the like force of law as an act passed by the legislature of the state.

PRIVY PURSE

Article 10 The ruler of each covenanting state shall be entitled to receive annually from the revenue of the United State for his privy purse. The said amount is intended to cover all the expenses of the ruler and his family, including expenses on account of his personal staff maintenance of his residences, marriages and other ceremonies and shall neither be increased nor reduced for any reason. Whatsoever the Raj Pramukh shall cause, the said amount to be paid to the Ruler in four equal instalments at the beginning of each quarter in advance the said amount shall be free of all taxes whether imposed by the Government of the United State of Kathiawad or by the Government of India.

SUCCESSION DISPUTES

Article 13(1) The succession according to law and custom to the Gadi of each Covenanting State and to the personal rights privileges dignities and titles of the Ruler thereof is hereby guaranteed. (2) Every question of disputed succession in regard to a Covenanting Salute State shall be decided by the Council of Rulers after referring it to the High Court of Kathiawad and in accordance with the opinion given by that High Court.

MERGER WITH GUJARAT

Article 17 nothing in this covenant shall be deemed to prevent the Government of Kathiawad from negotiating a Union of Kathiawad with other Gujarati speaking areas on such terms and conditions as may be agreed to by the Council of Rulers as well as the Council of Ministers of Kathiawad.

ITTEHAD'S METHODS TOO BRUTAL AND HORRIBLE

Swamy Ramanand Demands Immediate Enquiry

HYDERABAD, (Dn.) Jan. 25, (A.P.I.): Swami Ramanand Tirth President of the Hyderabad State Congress has addressed a letter to the Nizam of Hyderabad drawing his attention to the sufferings of the people, particularly the 'atrocities perpetrated at Bibinagar and elsewhere in the state' and demanding a commission of enquiry to go into the happenings at Bibinagar. The letter further asked for a declaration from the Nizam establishing full responsible Government in the state "organically integrated to the structure of democratic India which is the only way the state can survive. And the sooner this is done the better."

Swami Ramanand concluded by saying that he would wait for the Nizam's reply "for a couple of days," after reminding the Nizam that the satyagraha movement launched by the people of the state under the guidance of the Hyderabad State Congress had two objectives namely Hyderabad's accession to the Indian Union and the establishment of full responsible Government, the letter expressed the State Congress's belief that "the true interests of the state and of the Nizam's dynasty lie in Hyderabad's accession to the Indian Union as its democratic unit. That way alone can the state survive."

The letter went on: "The people of Hyderabad have conducted a non-violent struggle during the last six months. The Government, instead of understanding the true import of it, have tried to suppress it with the utmost rapacity.

The military, the reserve police and the Ittehad-Ul-Mussalmeen have had free play and they have employed all methods to crush the people under the garb of preserving the entity of the state and perpetuating the regime of your Exalted Highness".

Swami Ramanand Tirth then referred to the activities of the Ittehad-Ul-Mussalmeen and said, "the atrocities perpetrated by the brute forces of this communal organisation are too horrible to be connived at". He also referred to the feeling that it was the Ittehad-Ul-Mussalmeen that was ruling Hyderabad to-day and said, "this is most disastrous for the safety of the people as well as for the continuance of the Ruler and the dynasty. I am addressing this letter to your Exalted Highness in the spirit of a well-wisher of the state and a friend of Your Highness and your dynasty".

HYDERABAD MINISTER RESIGNS

HYDERABAD (Dn.), Jan 26 (API): It is reliably learnt that Mr. G. Ramachari, the only Congressman in the new Interim Ministry, has submitted his resignation to the Nizam personally. The resignation, it is further learnt, is a sequel to Mr. Ramachari's demand for the disbandment and banning of the Majlis Razakars (private volunteer corps for the Majlis Ittehadul Muslemin) which, in his opinion, was responsible for "arson and loot" in the districts.

'INTERIM' GOVT. FOR INDORE

New Cabinet Of Eight Ministers Sworn-In

INDORE, Jan. 26, (U.P.I.): An Interim Government was set up in the State this afternoon, following agreement between the Ruler and the leaders of the Praja Mandal. The new Cabinet, consisting of eight Ministers, including the Prime Minister, was sworn in today at the Secretariat. The oath was administered by the Prime Minister.

The programme to celebrate this historic occasion, which included the State Drive of the Maharaja with the Popular Ministers, had to be abandoned due to hostile demonstrations organised by the Scheduled Castes Federation.

CASE AGAINST BHARAT SINGH WITHDRAWN

INDORE, Jan. 26, (U.P.I.): The Holkar Government, have, it is learnt, withdrawn the case and cancelled the warrant of arrest pending against Mr. Bharat Singh, noted revolutionary leader of Central India.

It may be recalled here that Mr. Bharat Singh was the only man remaining unapprehended and untraced of the famous Indore-Dhar Conspiracy Case of 1932-33. He had been absconding ever since and took a prominent part in the 1942 movement. The case against him has been withdrawn in response to the efforts of Dr. Pattabhi Sitaramayya, who took the matter with the Holkar Government.

JODHPUR PEOPLE'S STRUGGLE PUT OFF

Sequel To Raiders' Attack On Jaisalmer

NEW DELHI, Jan. 26. (A. P. I.): Mr. Jainarain Vyas General Secretary of the All-India States' People's Conference, in a statement today said that as a result of the attack on Jaisalmer by raiders from Pakistan the campaign for responsible Government in Jdhpur State, which was to be started today, has been temporarily postponed as Jodhpur was adjacent to Jaisalmer.

PATHAN RAID IN JAISALMER STATE

Adjournment Motion In Consembly

NEW DELHI, Jan. 26 (API): The first adjournment motion that has been tabled for the budget session of the Constituent Assembly (Legislative), which will open on January 28 refers to the "attack of Pathan raiders on a number of villages in Jaisalmer State.

The motion, which has been tabled by Lala Deshbandhu Gupta seeks to discuss "the failure of the Government to take effective steps to prevent the attack of Pathan raiders from Pakistan on January 23 on a number of villages about 25 miles north of Jaisalmer, the capital of the Western Rajputana State of Jaisalmer".

NON-OFFICIAL BILL IN CONSEMBLY

NEW DELHI, Jan. 26, (A.P.I.): First and second places in the ballot of non-official bills which will come up before the Constituent Assembly (Legislative) on February 11, 1948 have been drawn by Mr. M. Ananthasayanam Ayyangar. They are the criminal tribes repeal bill and the Indian Bar Councils legal practitioners (amendment) bill respectively.

Four out of eleven bills relate to marriage.

Training For Colonial Newsmen

Colonial journalists are to be given facilities for training in British newspaper offices Three scholarships, providing for a year's practical training, have just been announced by the British Council in conjunction with the Colonial Office. The British Newspaper Society has assisted in the scheme by placing the trainees in the offices of its member newspapers, nine of whom readily volunteered. The journalists will spend four months each in three provincial newspapers.

Radio-Controlled Taxis

A fleet of 21 taxis controlled by radio-telephone from one central point is now operating in York, with equipment giving a range of 10 miles. The driver's control unit takes up little space, and is fixed to the instrument panel. The receiver and transmitter are installed in the luggage boot, drawing power from the car battery. Cruising vehicles take directions from the central office and pick up passengers. Successful experiments have also been carried out by the railways in the use of radio-telephony between station offices and moving trains.

NEW YORK Jan. 25 (Reuter): The central Philippines area has been struck by one of the worst earthquakes in 50 years, according to radio reports here and news reaching Manila said at least 21 persons were known to have been killed and scores injuried.

London Celebration Of Netaji Day

"He Would Have Forced Gandhi And Jinnah To The Background"

LONDON, Jan. 26 (Reuter): Chowdry Akbar Khan, President of the Indian Workers Association in London, at a meeting held last night at Swaraj House to celebrate the birthday of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose declared that none in India or Pakistan could deny that Netaji was one of India's greatest fighters.

Addressing a large audience of Indians, Burmese, Chinese and West Indians, Akbar Khan, who presided at the meeting, said: "We pay homage to this most gallant and uncompromising fighter against British imperialism. During the war it was the fashion of pseudo-Socialists and Communists to call Netaji a traitor. If Netaji is a traitor, then every patriot of every land is a traitor".

"British imperialism", Akbar Khan added, "have not yet left India. Politically they have said good bye but they left a time bomb behind them. The time bomb worked and as a result we find a fratricidal war in India today. "Let me warn the British imperialists that no one ever divided our great country and no one will ever succeed in doing so. India was never divided yesterday and will never be divided tomorrow"

The speech was loudly applauded.

Naik Jalie, Secretary of the Swaraj House said that it was a pity that some Indian in London during the war called Netaji a traitor "because at that time they were hobnobbing with Communists".

The main fact of the meeting was that the two London Indian Political Organisations, Swaraj House and the Indian Workers Association, agreed to collaborate for the first time to carry out propaganda in Britain for the establishment of a united Indian Socialist Republic.

Many Muslims and Sikhs speakers paid tribute to Bose, One Sikh said "If Netaji is alive he should return to India today because he and he alone can stop the fratricidal war, not by political manoeuvring nor by fasting, but his own indomitable personality. His presence would electrify Hindus as well as Muslims".

A Muslim speaker declared that if Netaji was alive Gandhi and Jinnah would have been forced into the background.

Mr. S. Nur, an Indian from British Guiana, said that all Indians in British Guiana honoured Netaji.

HOME GUARDS FOR MADRAS PROVINCE

MADRAS, Jan. 26, (A.P.I.): The Madras Council today passed the Bill empowering Government to raise Home Guard units in the Province as it had emerged from the Lower House.

Under the Bill Home Guards will be raised immediately in the City of Madras and fifteen districts in the province, including the border areas, to assist the police in quelling civil commotions.

Calico Mill Cloth After Decontrol

AHMEDABAD, Jan. 26. (A.P.I.): In support of the policy of Government to decontenol cloth, the Calico Mill of Ahmedabad has decided to offer its cloth for sale at a price 1/2 an anna in the rupee cheaper than the ceiling price that may be fixed by the industry.

Coimbatore Mills To Declare Lockout

COIMBATORE Jan. 25, (API): Millowners Association Coimbatore met today to discuss the strike situation in mills in the district and resolved to notify a lock out of the mills from Jan. 27.

The resolution stated: 'In view of there having been an illegal staying strike in the mills and failure by labourers to carry on the work as per the recommendations of the standardisation committee report and the notice of the mills The managements notify that there will be a lockout of the mills from Tuesday Jan., 27 unless all shifts on Monday Jan. 26 are properly attended to by labourers accepting and satisfactorily carrying out the workloads according to the standardisation committee report".

International Congress Of Architecture

Sir Patrick Abercrombie, one of the most eminent architectural planners in the world, will be Chairman at the first meeting of the International Congress of Architecture to be held at Lausanne (Switzerland) in June this year. Experts from all over the world will attend. The main object of the Congress will be to provide both the United Nations and UNESCO with experienced planners to assist in constructional and re-constructional work in Europe.

STASSEN TO ENTER PRIMARY ELECTIONS

Challenge To Senator Robert Taft

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25 (Reuter): Mr. Harold E. Stassen, former Governor of Minnesota and candidate for the Republican nomination for the United States Presidency, announced to-day that he will enter the Republican primary election to be held in Ohio on May 4.

He thus challenged Senator Robert Taft, Republican Leader in the United States Senate, on the Senator's home ground.

Mr. Stassen said in a statement to the press that the primary is the only chance before the Republican national convention in June for a showdown at the ballot box of their opposing views.

The primary elections will also test out the differences between Mr. Stassen and Mr. Thomas Dewey, Governor of New York State.

Mr. Stassen's direct challenge of Senator Taft was reported to have been influenced partly by the refusal last Friday of General Dwight Eisenhower, retiring United States Chief of Staff, to accept nomination for the Presidency.

It was interpreted as a move to silence talk that Mr. Stassen has any tacit understanding with Senator Taft, and to establish Mr. Stassen as an advocate of what he has called "a liberal course in the Republican Party."

AMERICAN WOMAN HAS FOUND HAPPINESS IN BUDDHISM

COLOMBO, (U.P.I.): An American woman, whose interest in Buddhism was awakened in her undergraduate days at Oregon State University, has found happiness in her ordination as a Buddist nun at Vijirama Temple here.

She was Mrs. Beatrice Hunt Winans, who took the name of Bhikkhuni Soma when she was ordained recently by Bhikku Kassapa, who was Dr. Cassius A. Pereira. Dr. Pereira was a widely known authority on Buddism, even before he became a Buddhist monk.

Sister Soma made her act of renunciation when she left her husband and two sons to come to Ceylon and become a Buddhist nun. Her interest in Buddhism began when she first encountered Buddhist texts published by the Oxford University Press.

Some years ago, she attended lectures delivered by Bhiku Silavansa an American Portuguese Buddhist monk who studied at Polgasduwa in Ceylon. Polgasduwa is a hermitage of German Buddhist monks. Mrs. Winans accompanied Bhikku Silavansa to Ceylon from the United States last November and decided to take the vows.

Her head now is shorn and she wears a yellow robe.

"I am very happy in these robes, she said. "For years, I planned and waited for this."

Of her self and her past, she would say nothing. She parried reporters' questions with a smiling remark:

"I did not work on a newspaper for nothing."

An American Buddhist monk, Seelawansa Tsero, who was John Silva of California in his lay life, recently was re-ordained at a solemn ceremony at a historic Buddhist temple at Kandy.

Bhikku Silavansa first was ordained about 20 years ago at Polgasduwa where he spent a number of years. Later he went to Thailand and received higher ordination.

For the past 10 years Bhikku Silavasa has been teaching on the Pacific Coast of the United States. When he embarked recently from the United States for Ceylon he had to abandon his saffron robes because of the difficulties of the journey.

Re-ordained he planned to live henceforth on the Buddhist beloved Island of Lanka.

Sweden Makes "Eternal" Matche.

STOCKHOLM. (Reuter): Eternal matches which can be struck up to 200 times are being manufactured by a newly formed company at Gamleby, Sweden.

Their inventor, Mr. Folke Knutsson-Hall, an engineer, says they work on an entirely new principle. He has patented his match in 52 countries and the company selling them hopes to begin exports to over 40 countries this year.

The "Light staves" as he calls (ordinarily, matches are "light sticks" in Swedish) are about twelve inches long and a quarter of an inch trick.

Fish Smelt Best

CHICAGO, (Reuter): Fish have a much keener sense of smell than human beings according to Dr. T. J. Walker of the University of Wisconsin.

He told the American Association for the Advancement of Science that his observation was the result of numerous psychological tests.

He put six minnows in a seven-gallon tank of water and began putting smells into the water. He found that a smell an avarage man could not detect could be diluted 10,000 times and still be noticed by fish.

"A fish might be trained to detect impurities in water," said Dr. Walker, "and engineers would only have to put fish in the water supply to find impurities that even instruments would not pick up."

WORST EARTHQUAKE EVER RECORDED

Heavy Damage Feared In Philippines

NEW YORK Jan. 26. (Reuter): Reports so far to hand indicate that the Central Philippines area has been struck by one of the worst earthquakes in 50 years.

The worst hit was apparently Panay, where 13 persons were known to be dead and damage was estimated at more than £150,000. Cebu, Negros and Leyte were also struck.

The shocks, of which there were eleven altogether were so powerful that seismographs could not record all of them. Readings were taken in West Bromwich, England, Shanghai and New York. The Rev. Joseph Lynch, Director of Fordham University observatory, New York said he had never recorded a more severe earthquake. He doubted whether the islands had received the full impact of the earthquakes main force, which had probably been unleashed in the ocean.

Mahatma's Fast Must Be Eye-Opener To Muslims

Sir Mohammad Usman's Plea For Inculcating National Outlook

MADRAS, Jan. 25 (API).—"So long as the Muslims in the Indian Dominion are true to the precepts of their religion, namely, of peace and goodwill to all, and remain loyal to the Dominion Government, the future of the Muslims in India is absolutely bright," said Sir Mohammed Usman, former member of the Viceroy's Executive Council, addressing a meeting here thiza evening organised by prominent Muslim leaders of Madras in celebration of the Birthday of Prophet Mohamed.

ESCHEW COMMUNALISM

Appealing to the Muslim community to eschew communalism from their ranks by taking a lesson from the unfortunate incidents that had occurred in Northern India, Sir Mohammad Usman said that the community should be grateful to Mahatma Gandhi as his was the only voice that was raised on behalf of Islam before and after August 15. His recent fast, by undertaking which the Mahatma risked his very life and which he broke only after an assurance was given that the wrongs done to the Muslims in Delhi would be set right, must be an eye-opener to the community.

"What is the response of the Indian Muslims to the great goodwill shown by him?" he asked and added: "We should plan our future programme in accordance with the desires expressed by Mahatma Gandhi that is the only way of bringing peace and harmony to India.

TRUST INDIAN LEADERS

Sir Mohammad Usman welcomed the decision of the Indian Constituent Assembly to abolish separate electorates and expressed the view that such a step would have a great effect in removing inter-communal frictions.

BIG ADVANCE CLAIMED IN CANCER FIGHT

CAPE TOWN: (Reuter).—Some unusually successful results in the X-ray treatment of cancer in advanced stages have been achieved by Professor J. van Rooijen in experiments at the Groote Schuur Hospital and the University of Cape Town.

Professor Van Rooijen, who was formerly head of the Department of Radiology at the University, has found it possible to administer relatively high doses of radiation over short periods without causing skin reactions. He has based his technique on the healing capacity of the healthy tissue surrounding the growth.

At a clinical lecture to the Cape Post-Graduate Medical Association Professor Van Rooijen produced for the inspection of experts a number of patients who showed no trace of the disease after treatment lasting six days.

Professor Van Rooijen told his audience that he did not claim the results to be cures.

"In the treatment of malignant disease", he said, "a long period of time must pass before such a claim can be substantiated. Nevertheless, I feel confident that in many of the cases under review, the clinical disappearance of the growth, together with a large measure of return to normality, will prove to be permanent."

Mass Cancer Tests Planned

BALTIMORE, (Reuter): American cancer specialists will make 10,000 high-speed x-ray picture examinations this year to look for stomach cancers.

Their idea is an adaptation of the mass chest x-ray programme being used to detect early tuberculosis.

The present fluoroscopic examination for cancer is complicated and expensive. It uses so much radiation that the operatues are in danger if radiation poisoning if they work at it too steadily.

The x-ray tests will be much the same as those for T B tests. The machine is to be used for every man over 40 who attends the out-patients clinic at the Johns Hopkins Hospital.

Where the films give reasonable suspicion of cancer the man will be given the full flouroscopic examination.

MALTA HAS NEW FLOATING DOCK

VALETTA, (Malta): (Reuter): The 50,000-ton floating dock which was towed some 4,000 miles from Bombay to Malta in three sections last spring has been riveted together as a complete whole and has passed limited submergence tests.

The dock is capable of accommodating the largest warship afloat—but unfortunately cannot be put to active use because the only part of the harbour in which it can be fully submerged is already occupied by the wreck of the old 30,000-ton floating dock, which has so far defied all efforts at salvage to date.

The old dock consisted of a centre-piece which was towed from Hamburg at the end of World War I and to which new British-built end sections were added. On the Italian entry into the last world war in June 1940 the dock was an early casualty and remained for months with one end upraised from the water's surface until it sunk by German bombs in 1941. It received more than eighty direct hits and was holed like a sieve by shrapnel.

The removal of its remains is now to be tackled by a new team of expert divers and under-water welders.

DEAF MUTES PUZZLE COURT

NEW YORK, (Reuter): The interpreter in a New York police court who speaks nine languages, was stumped in a recent case. He stood by helplessly as five deaf mutes charged with felonious assaults were arraigned with the aid of pantomime.

The five were accused of fighting at a cafe when one of their number became involved in an argument with a man who was not deaf and dumb.

When the five appeared in court, the magistrate looked hopefully at the interpreter. Mr Martin Niederhoffer but he meely shrugged.

The magistrate gave the five the complaint against them to read, and he and a police official tried to convey to them their legal rights with elaborate sign language.

It was hopeless, and finally the court just held them in 500 dollars (£120) bails each for a hearing at a later date.

GREEK GUERILLAS SEIZE HOSTAGES

Counter Action Against Govt.

BELGRADE, Jan 25, (Reuter): The Greek "Democratic Army" (Guerilla force) supreme headquarters ordered today the seizing of hostages in great numbers", according to a communique broadcast by "Free Greece radio and quoted by the Yugoslav news agency.

The communique said it was according to the terms of this decision that M. Loukas Koutsopetalas, 68 year-old former Minister and Liberal member of the Greek Government, was abducted just over a week ago.

The communique said that M. Koutsopetalas would be given his liberty when the Athens Government "consents to release" K. Gavrilopoulos and thirteen leading members of the guerilla movement, Major General Stephan Saraphis former Elas Leader and Deputy Chief of the National Greek army and M. Ialis.

These men must be given their passports and allowed to leave for the capitals of France Italy or [illegible] the communique said.

The hostage order was given the communique said because of the incessant fury of the monarcho-fascists, the arrests executions and tortures inflicted upon democratic citizens and so that "the conscience of the monarcho-fascist criminals should be stirred".

None of the hostages will be harmed, it added.

CITY FATHERS ADJOURN FOR WANT OF QUORUM

BOMBAY, Monday.

A night meeting of the Bombay Municipal Corporation which was called by the Mayor in a bid to finish discussion of the Budget before the end of the present term was adjourned for want of quorum tonight. At 9-10 p.m., 30 minutes after the scheduled time for the meeting, there were in the Corporation Hall, only 10 City Councillors besides the Mayor, which was 15 short of quorum.

Twelve press reporters were present.

The adjourned meeting will be held tomorrow at 2-30 p.m. (B.T.)

GOLDEN JUBILEE OF EMPIRE LIFE CO.

BOMBAY, Monday.

To celebrate the Golden Jubilee of the Empire of India Life Assurance Co., a reception was held this afternoon at the Taj Mahal Hotel, which was attended by a large number of friends associates and well-wishers of the company.

Welcoming those assembled, Seth Ram Ratan Gupta, Chairman of the company, made a speech describing the history and achievements of the company during the last fifty years and expressed the hope that it would go from strength to strength and cover itself with ever greater glory by the time its Diamond Jubilee was celebrated.

It was sad to see that a goodly portion of the insurance money went out of the country in the shape of premia paid by Indian policy holders to foreign insurance firms. "On the strength of its present financial position and its record of past service, the Empire of India Life Assurance Company can justifiably look forward to an era of even greater prosperity and usefulness", concluded Seth Ram Ratan Gupta.

Khan Saheb Refuses Frontier Governorship

NEW DELHI, Jan. 26. (I.P.A.): It was recently reported here that Dr. Khan Sahib former Congress Premier of North-West Frontier Province was requested by Mr. Liaqat Ali Khan to accept Governorship of the Frontier Province.

Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan imposed certain conditions on Dr. Khan Sahib. Among them it is learnt that the Dr. Khan Sahib should give up his allegiance to the Congress organisation and join the League un-conditionally. Secondly, the Red Shirt organisation should be dissolved and merged into the Pakistan National Guards. This it is further understood, was made on the basis of changed political conditions. It may be recalled that seven M.L.A.'s belonging to Congress Party in the provincial Legislature recently joined the League Party.

Dr. Khan Sahib put down the offer it is believed. He is of opinion that no man should change his principles and convictions whatever may be the political situation.

City Markets

SHARE BAZAR

Bombay, Jan. 26

The Bombay Stock Exchange was officially open to-day but no business was reported, it being "Independence Day".

The general feeling was moderately bullish and Tata Steel Defd shares were nominally quoted at Rs. 1945/50

BOMBAY COTTON

Bombay, Jan. 26

The local cotton market was officially open but no business was done. Nominally March delivery was quoted at Rs. 533.

Later on normal trading was started and March opened at Rs. 534/- and after declining at Rs. 532/8 on scattered selling advanced at Rs. 538/- on increased buying. At this level there was some realising end March declined at Rs. 536/-. The market finally closed at 4-30 p.m. as under:—

I.C.C. March	537	8	0
I.C.C. May	541	12	0
I.C.C. July	551	0	0
I.C.C. Sept.	557	0	0

HIGH AND LOW COTTON PRICES

BOMBAY, Jan. 23.

March Highest 526; Lowest 519; Closing 526.

May Highest 530; Lowest 525 1/2 Closing 530.

July Highest 536; Lowest 533 1/2; Closing 536.

Sept. Highest 543; Lowest 538 1/2 Closing 543.

BOMBAY Jan. 24.

March Highest 543; Lowest 534; Closing 536.

May Highest 545; Lowest 538; Closing 539.

July Highest 558; Lowest 546; Closing 547 3/4.

Sept. Highest 558 1/2 Lowest 550 1/2 Closing 553.

INDIAN COTTON PARITY

Indian cotton March contract is 1413 cent points below New York March at Exchange rate 331.

GOLD & SILVER

Bombay, Jan. 26

The Bullion market was very steady with further improvement in ready quotations.

Ready Silver was quoted at Rs. 171/8 and Ready Gold was placed at Rs. 107. Scattered business in Forward Gold was done at Rs. 106/12 and Sovereigns were quoted at Rs. 69.

The Valan will commence to-morrow and if it passes of satisfactorily, a move will be made to start forward trading.

PRODUCE MARKET CLOSED

Bombay, Jan. 26

The Produce market remained entirely closed to-day.

GOVERNMENT LOANS

BOMBAY, Jan. 26.

	Rs.	as.	p.
2-1/2 p.c. 1954	98	12	0
2-1/2 p.c. 1960	101	6	0
2 1/2 pc 1961	97	12	0
2-3/4 pc 1948-52	100	8	0
2-3/4 pc 1960	99	12	0
2-3/4 p.c. 1962	100	4	0
2-3/4 p.c. 1976	99	10	0
3 p.c. Non-Terminable.	110	6	0
3 p.c. 1996 Con.	100	9	0
3 pc 1949-52	102	0	0
3 pc 1951-54	102	12	0
3 pc 1953-55	102	10	0
3 pc 1952	102	8	0
3 p.c. 1959-61	102	5	0
3 p.c. 1963-65	101	9	0
3 pc 1966-68	101	7	0
3 pc 1970-75	101	5	0
3-1/2 pc 1951-59	106	4	0
4 p.c. 1948-53	102	12	0
4 pc 1960-70	113	10	0
4-1/2 p.c. 1950-55	106	4	0
4-1/2 p.c. 1955-60	114	2	0
4-1/2 p.c. 1958-67 ..	117	8	0
PROVINCIAL LOANS			
2-3/4 p.c U. P. 1961 ..	99	0	0
2-3/4 p.c. Madras 1961	99	2	0
3 p.c. Bombay 1956 ..	102	0	0
3 p.c. Bombay 1956 ...	102	0	0
4 p.c. Punjab 1949 ..	99	8	0
3 p.c. Madras 1952-56 ..	101	0	0
3 p.c. Punjab 1952 ...	99	8	0
3 p.c. U. P. 1952	101	0	0
3 p.c. C. P. 1952	101	0	0
3 p.c. N. W. F. 1952 ...	100	4	0
3 p.c. U. P 1961-66	101	3	0
3 p.c. Bombay Port Trust	113	0	0
4 p.c. Bombay Municipality City	118	0	0
3 p.c Bombay Municipality 1959	118	0	0
3-1/4 pc Municipal New 1977	102	4	0
3-1/4 p.c New Municipal pality 1954	120	0	0
5 pc K. P. T.	114	0	0

Calicut Market

CALICUT, Jan. 26.

Cair yan Beypore 170/180; Quilandy 190/200; Fibre Garbled 125; Ungarbled 115; Coconuts Raw 115/117; Dry 119/122; Coconutoil 390; Copra Office 265; Dilpasand 260; Madrasnottam 285; Pepper Wynaad 800; Country 790; Dryginger Chernad 240; Ernad 226; Coffee Robusta 98; Timber Pali 50/53 Junglewood 27/29; Vellapine 45-50; Benteak 50/51; Teak 95/95; Mangoplanks 2/8/; Teak 12/17 Rosewood 12/18.

Franc Devalued

PARIS, Jan. 25. (U. P. A.): The French Franc was officially devalued to 214.392 to a dollar and 864 to the pound.

Hapur Market Weekly Review

No Appreciable Improvements In Supply Position

(From Our Correspondent)

HAPUR, January 22.

There has been some further decline in food grains ready prices but it was little. There has been no appreciable improvement in the food supplies position at Hapur. But for maize there were no arrivals. Some 13500 mds. of oversea maize was received here of which 4500 mds. was rebooked to Meerut. It is, however, learnt that Hapur will get another allotment of 5000 tons of overseas maize besides 1800 tons already reported. Maize has also been received on private account but the quantity is only small.

Although market prices have declined since decontrol and in some cases the fall has been affective, current prices are nearly 50 per cent higher than those prevailing on the corresponding date last year. Here are the quotations:—

Wheat Jan 22, 1948 22/8; Jan. 15 1948 24; Jan. 22 1947 14/8.

Gram Jan. 33, 1948 18/8; Jan 15, 1948 19; Jan. 22, 1947 12/12.

Barley Jan. 22, 1948 13/8; Jan. 15, 1948 14; Jan. 22 1947 9/4.

Maize Jan. 22, 1948 13; Jan. 15, 1948 13; Jan. 22, 1947 9/9.

Bajra Jan. 22, 1948 14/4. Jan. 15, 1948 14/4; Jan. 22, 1947 9/11.

Juar Jan. 22, 1948 12/8 to 12; Jan. 15 1948 12/12; Jan. 22, 1947 8/14.

There has, however, been an affective decline in pulses prices. What is signifcant is that June delivery prices for peas and Arhar are very low and are declining further down every day. June delivery prices this year are appreciably lower than those prevailing at the corresponding period last year. Here are the quotations:—

Arhar Jan. 22, 1948 11/4; Jan. 22, 1947 12; June delivery 1948 8/4; June 7, 1947 11/6.

Peas Jan 22, 1948 —/4; Jan. 22 1947 12/6. June delivery 1948 8; June 7 1947 11/12.

Urd and moong prices too have recorded slight fall in prices; respectively quoted now at 18/8 and 18.

The resumption of forward dealings in many commodities following the decontrol, has been an important factor on the side of the bears. Forward delivery prices are falling down almost every day.

The following is the latest stock position: Wheat 1, Gram 2, Barley nil, Peas 61, Arhar 101 Maize 10 and Bejhar 5, Khatties (average 700 mds. each). Standing Rabi grain crops are progress.ng very satisfactorily.

GUR AND SHAKKAR

The market is in the full grip of a crisis. Prices have fallen down very low but nobody ventures to suggest that the bottom has been reached. Ready gur prices are the lowest on record for the last many years. They are much lower than the control rates fixed last year. While the complete railway transport bottlecheck has been one factor leading to glut conditions, the operation of 'futures' at big scale has given a serious blow. Let me take the ready prices first. Presently gur is quoted at 9/8 and shakkar at 11 per maund. Ealier this year on Oct. 14th 1947 gur at Hapur was sold at 24 per maund Bilticut gur R/R's were negotiated at even 29/- or 30/- per maund. On Dec. 8th on which date Gur and Sugar were decontrolled by the Government of India Gur was quoted at 16. Coming now to fagan (March delivery) quotations, prices have already fallen down from 16/12/3 quoted on Dec. 22/1947 to 9/11 lowest touched yesterday. On March 7th 1947 gur was quoted at about 15/8 per maund. Present stock in Hapur is put at about 1-1/2 lakh maunds. Stockists are in a quandary.

On Thursday last fagan was quoted at 12/2. Presently it is quoted at 9/15/6

OILSEEDS:— There has been a sharp decline in Sarson prices. Here again the fall in June delivery prices has been more telling. Ready is quoted at 20/- against 21/8 quoted last week and 26/4 on Jan. 1. Jeth is quoted at 15/- whereas the price on the corresponding date last year was 23/- Groundnut is unchanged round 11/12. Mustard oil prices are getting down gradually. Presently it is quoted at 62/- against 68/- quoted last weekend.

OATS:— Yet another commodity that has suffered heavy fall in prices is oats. Jeth is presently quoted at 6/10/3 against 8/4/6 quoted on Thursday last (Jan. 22) and 11/10 highest touched some weeks back. The undertone is extremely unsteady and prices continue to touch lower and still lower levels every day. Ready is now quoted at 9. On the corresponding date last year ready oats were quoted at 12/8.

HAPUR MARKET

HAPUR, Jan. 26.

Wheat 20/8; Grain 18/8; Barley 13/8; Maize 12/13; Bajra 14/-; Gwar 12/8; Red 12/-; Guwar 11/12; Peas Ready 11/-; Arhar Ready 11/-; Urd 18/-; Moong 18/-; Masoor 15/8; Stocks Wheat 1; Gram 2; Peas 50; Arhar 90; Maize 10 Bejhar 5; Oats 17 Khathes Sarsoon Ready 19/8; Taraseed 15/-; Mustard oil 64; Oil Cake 8/4; Methi 16/4; Cotton 42/-; Oats Ready 8/4; Jeth 7/0/6; Gur Ready 10/8; Fagan 10/10/3 Silver 156/8 Gold 105/2 Bardana Lhet 81; April 92; Futures opened lower and bearish on heavy speculative liquidations.

MONEY MARKET

BOMBAY, January 26.

B C Rates T T D D 1/5 15/16 Ready

B C Rates T T D D 1/5 29/32 up to 6 Months

London Banks Selling T T D D 1/5 31/32 Ready

London Banks Selling T T D D 1/5 15/16 up to 6 Months

London Banks Buying T T 1/6 1/32 to 9th Months

London Banks Buying T T 1/6 1/16 10th-12th Month

London Banks Buying D D 1/6 1/16 to 4th Month

London Banks Buying D D 1/6 3/32 5th and 6th Month

London Banks Buying D D 1/6 1/8 7th and 9th Month

London Banks Buying 60 and 90 d/st 1/6 1/8 to 4th Month

London Banks Buying 60 and 90 d/st 1/6/-5/32 5th and 6th Month

London Banks Buying 60 and 90 d/st 1/6 3/16 7th and 9th Month

London Banks Buying 120 d/st 1/6 5/32 to 4th Month

London Banks Buying 120 d/st 1/6 3/16 5th and 6th Month

London Banks Buying 120 d/st 1/6 7/32 7th and 9th Month

New York and Montreal B C Rates T T Rs. 332 1/4

Banks Selling T T D D Rs. 332 1/4

Banks Buying T T Rs. 330

Banks Buying D D N Y Rs. 328 3/4

Montreal Rs 328 1/2

Banks Buying D D N Y Rs 329

Montreal Rs 328 3/4 L/C

Paris Banks Selling T T Fcs. 3550

Paris Banks Bying T. T. Fcs.

Amsterdam Banks Selling T T D D Fl 79

Belgium Banks Selling T T D D Fcs. 1305

Java Banks Selling T T D D—

Hongkong Banks Selling T T D D Rs. 84

Singapore Banks Selling T T D D Rs. 157 1/4

New York-London Cross Rate Dol. 4.02 3/4 to 4.03 1/4

London/Afghanistan Afghani Rs. 52.67-53.43

London Alexandria Pia. 97 1/4-3/4

London Amsterdam Fl. 10.68-70

London Bangkok Tcl. 40

London Belgium Fcs. 176 1/2-3/4

London Denmark Kr. 19.32-36

London Hongkong 1/3 1/16

London Iran Rl. 128-130

London Java Fl. 10.68-70

London Lisbon Es. 99.80-100.20

London Manila Pes. 8.07-12

London Montreal Dol. 4.02-3/4-4.03 1/4

London New York Dol. 4.02 3/4-4.03 1/4

London Oslo Kr. 19 96-20.02

London Paris Fcs. 479.70

London Prague K. 201-202

London Singapore 2/4 7/32-1/8

London Stockholm Kr. 14.47-50

London Switzerland Fcs. 17.34-36

London Syria 880-5

London Discts 3 Months 17/32 p.c.

London Discts 6 Months 9/16/-5/8 p.c.

Reserve Bank Rate 3 p.c. Bank of England Rate 2 p.c.

Money:—Call 1/2 p c 3 months 3/4 p c 6 months 1 p c 12 months 1-1/2 p.c.

Tone:—Easy.

STRICTER RESTRICTIONS ON RAW COTTON

The East India Cotton Association Ltd., has sent the following telegram to the Government of India, New Delhi:—

"Board East India Cotton Association, appreciating partial deconral of piecegoods and yarn have to protest against stricter restrictions on raw cotton. They feel that the restrictions notified this week can be said to be without parallel in their reaction on the cotton grower. The worst feature of these restrictions is that Government have thought fit to remove statutory floor which was protection to growers interests under certain unforeseen contingencies. In fact Board feel that not only should the floor be restored but it be increased. Whilst Board can understand Government's anxiety to preserve cotton in India for local mills they apprehend Government have seriously overlooked that the only competitor with local mills for raw cotton, nemely export demand has been removed by Government for most of the qualities consumed by mills here. No precaution appears to have been devised that mills will not wait with folded hands for a considerable fall in prices as they have done several times during period of control and Board deplore that Government have removed floor and restricted exports without putting any responsibility on mills to secure their cotton requirements without waiting for break in prices. This new policy of Government is unfair to grower and Board draw attention of the Agricultural Department to this aspect of the control imposed. The increase in duty calls for redoubled protest both from the trade and grower. Policy of using exports of India's raw material for revenue purposes of the order of as much as rupees forty per bale that is rupees eighty per candy amounting to about 16 per cent of the value of cotton is one which Board submit can have most dangerous repercussions as a precedent. Hon'ble Ministers for Finance and Commerce have been continuously stressing necessity of increasing exports to secure foreign exchange. Government have been making considerable sacrifices to keep up exports of Indian textiles abroad in spite of serious shortage of cloth in India. It may be claimed that it was necessary to retain goodwill of textile buyers abroad. The doubling of export duty or curtailment of varieties that can be exported cannot add to either goodwill of buyers abroad or to markets of Indian cotton abroad. The discrimination in treatment of cotton, and piecegoods for export is obvious and requires Government's serious attention without quibbling or qualification. This is called for in the bare interest of any of the staple crops of India."

Raw Cotton Situation

The Patel Cotton Co. Ltd., has issued the following weekly report:—

A marked lack of trade and speculative interest in the New York Cotton market manifested itself during the week under review due to uncertainties connected with the Marshall Plan and Mr. Baruch's anti-inflationary proposals. Stagnant conditions in the textile market and weakness of grains securities served to accentuate the reactionary tendency in near months.

Liverpool message says that there is a possibility that private consignments of raw cotton will be allowed into Liverpool shortly. The Liverpool Cotton circles attach great importance to this report, because such a development would help considerably to restore the re-export business which before the war earned about a million of sterling annually in foreign exchange.

The Government grip on the textile trade in India has at last been loosened to a very great extent. Decontrol of cloth and yarn with effect from 20th January is, doubtless, a very important step, though not unexpected in the light of the Government's general policy of decontrol. The question of fixation of prices will be left to the industry, and production committees will be set up in all mills with a view to reaching industrial targets of production.

The above decision to abandon the control on cloth and yarn, which had throttled the freedom of trade since 1943, has been widely welcomed. The unpacific attitude of Labour, however, is considered to be not very helpful to the increase in production, which alone can ensure the success of decontrol and bring down cloth prices within the reach of consumers.

As a sequal to decontrol of textiles, the Government has abolished the statutory floors and ceilings of raw cotton and doubled the present Export Duty.

BAN ON EXPORTS

The Government has banned exports of all staples, which in their opinion, are needed by Indian mills. Accordingly, exports of all varities with the exception of Bengal Deshi, Oomra (excluding C.P.I. & II) Mathia, and Commilla have been banned. It is well to bear in mind tha tall the cotton coming under the description of Kalagins, Westerns, low Jarilas and Old Dholleras may not be needed by Indian mills. A portion of C.P.I.& II can be made available for exports.

A sweeping ban of this nature, of course, jeopardises the interests of the cotton farmer, as the Indian textile industry will be in a privileged position to bid for his produce.

The above prohibition will not apply to authentic sales for export entered prior to and including 18th January 1948.

The outcome of the above policy should undoubtedly benefit the mill industry and especially those producing medium counts. Whilst the necessity to ban exports is greatly regretted, it must also be admitted that neglect to do so would have meant a marked scarcity in good styles of the 1947-48 crop available for Indian mills, even a famine in certain varieties.

Pricewise, a precipitate drop of Rs. 27 1/2 for the I.C.C. March contract was recorded within a day after the above announcement. The bullish effect of the abandonment of floors and ceilings was counteracted by the drastic ban on exports. Heavy profit taking by bulls, in the absence of trade support, repressed the March contract from Rs. 527 on the 19th instant to Rs. 499 on the 20th instant. Other positions which had hit the ceiling and rested there, also sagged to Rs. 508, Rs. 517 and Rs. 522 respectively for May, July and September. All around this level, however there was good trade buying and heavy short covering which caused irregular and spectacular advances in prices of all contract, January March and May shooting up to Rs. 553, Rs. 528 and Rs. 529 respectively. Tenders against January aggregate 11,800 bales upto date.

The spot market presented a quiet appearance. Prices are held steady at holders of cotton are not disposed to part with cotton freely. Neither do the mills, with the whiphand of the market, evince any keenness to secure their needs. Premia in upcountry markets are easier. The Egyptian prices have recorded further perpendicular rises.

Overcast skies with drizzling showers are reported from Kathiawar and Gujarat. Though no damage has so far been reported, the continuence of this unusual weather will lower the quality.

IMPORTS AND EXPORTS

BOMBAY, Jan. 26.

Today's imports were as under:

IMPORT

S.S. DAN-Y-BAYN.

From Shanghai:—210 bales raw silk, 50 cases personal and household effects

From Singapore: 1239 bags sago flour, 938 bags splits bettlenuts, 40 bags red whole bettlenut, 4723 bundles rattans, 61 bags bettlenuts, 69 pcs. door lugs, 846 pkgs. Copper scraps, 41 bales log paper, 50 bags mattings, 45 bags damar barta.

S. S. SAMORA

From Dubai:—55 bales quardernare rupee coins.

From Behrein:—30 bags s.s currents.

From B.Abbas:—95 bags raisins.

From Muscat:—78 bags sardines.

S.S. CLAN MONEIR

From Glasgow:—111 bags hardware closets, 180 pcs. silver ware, 85 casks C. I. valves, 52 cases common window glass, 61 bales printing paper, 45 bales paper, 670 bales flat steel bars, 290 kgs. steel rope-nails, 100 drums dry aniline dye, 85 cases whisky, 110 bags steel cut nails, 300 bags nails, 140 pkgs. paint.

From Liverpool:—353 coils said to weigh wire rod ends, 670 pcs. raw E. wire, 40 kgs. steel polished nails, 26 bags steel rose nails, 90 bundles cycle rims, 68 cases nickel sulphate, 145 cases m/cycles, 110 drums compound cement, 75 pkgs. paint, 125 mats glass bottles, 164 cases Cocoa, 200 cases empty cylinders, 25 cases envelopes, 195 drums caustic soda, 558 ctns. radio receivers, 70 pkgs. cement water blooffing compound, 66 ctns. water ovens, 380 coils gal. wire sheets, 725 cases window glass, 36 cases cycles, 330 ctns. fruit squashes, 115 pcs. abrasive wholes, 25 cases cotton yarn, 173 cases gripe water, 68 bags bolts, 250 cases biscuits, 800 drums roofing compound, 80 drums tumeric chloride, 60 casks aniline salt, 110 drums vulcafor, 360 drums dry aniline dye, 58 bales art silk p. goods, 100 cases barrum carbonate, 250 cases hydrogen peroxide, 300 flasks Spanish machinery, 40 drums cell kimmer, 62 cases sanatogem, 273 cases mepa crine tablets, 301 pieces I. pipes, 274 pkgs. aluzarine, 82 cases brinthols, 245 cases dry storages batteries, 103 cases glass powder, 102 emery powder, 3808 bags soda ash, 212 drums heat treatment salt, 40 drums ceponomiser flake, 2856 drums tropical bleaching powder, 32 cases photo plates, 192 cases dry painted colour, 33 cases dry distemper, 105 bags bolts and nuts, 43 pkgs. steel bars, 25 bags black nuts, 170 pkgs. citric acid grammilar, 40 drums hydro sulphite of soda, 276 pkgs. steel, 30 bundles steel bars, 71 cases textile machinery, 360 pkgs. paste paint, 97 pkgs. founder dust, 44 coils cotton rope, 47 drums pickers, 100 bags tragon, 41 cases hydrogen plants.

Exports

GOODS ENTERED FOR EXPORT

S.S. CILICIA

To Liverpool:—8 bales cotton piecegood—Khimji Bros., 16 bales wool raw—Vijaysingh and Co.

S.S. KATHA

To Manchester:—23 bales cotton waste—Barot Bros. and Co.

S.S. PUCHUMBA

To Liverpool:—270 bags chugun—B. Ramsingh.

To London:—66 cases bristles B. P. and Heaylay Ltd. 61 bags fish maws—H. A. Mahmed and Son

S.S. COASTAL BUCCANEER

To Shanghai:—30 bags sandlewood—Anand and Co.

To Singapore:—From Mangaldas and Co. 25 bags cumin seed, 25 bags ajma seed, 51 bags fennel seed, 129 bags coriander, 10 bdls cumin oil seed, 10 bags dry ginger, 10 bags fennel seed—P. Bheyangi Lal.

S.S. RIDEAN PARK

To Melbourne:—Cotton piecegoods 174 bales—W. A. Beardcolli and Co., 136 bales—The Podar Trading Co.

S.S. BALJ

To Antwerp:—66 drums sodo bichromate—Pioneer Chromate Works Ltd., 50 bales cottonwaste—H. S. (Manchester) Ltd.

S.S. BAMORA

To Dubai:—100 chest black tea—A. S. Dholakia.

To Khoramshire:—5 cases aluminium utensils—L. Amichand, 33 bdls vegitable tanned Buffalow sole leather—J. Mirally.

To Bushire:—7 cases aluminium utensils—L. Amichand.

To Baharin:—26 cases canvas shoes with rubber sole—Oriental Trading Co. 10 bales cotton piecegood—S. J. Shah. 200 drums paint—G. Wall and Co.

To Kuwait:—6 cases tiger wood—H. M. Abdulla. 17 cases aluminium utensils—L. Amichand, 250 chest black tea—G. S. Dholakia, 6 bales cotton piecegood—A. Taharally.

To Busrah:—33 bdls buffsole leather—The U. P. Tannery Co. Ltd. 20 pips paint—G. Wall and Co. 70 drums bichromate of potash—The Hindustan Chemical Works Ltd. 5 bags leather from goat skin—K. Kanji. 60 cases gum arabic—David Sasson and Co. Ltd. 28 cases aluminium utensils—L. Amichand, 6 bales cotton piecegood—A. R. Bassam Bros.

S.S. RIZWANI

To Aden:—10 cases cotton hosiery—A. Dawoodbhai. From A. Dawoodbhai and Co. 49 crates glass globes, 23 cases glass bottles, 5 cases vaseline, 20 gottes red earth—G. F. Poonawalla. 5 cases cotton hosiery—S. Kasambhai. 250 bags dry ginger—Velji Dharsi, 27 bdles cotton piecegood—C. Kasturchand.

S.S. JALAMANI

To Colombo:—91 cases medicine—Chemical Industrial and pharmaceutical laboratories Ltd. 9 cases leather suit cases and wallets—Goldfilled Leather Works.

S.S. COMMANDANT DORSE

To Marseilles:—136 drums groundnut oil—S. Ramkrishna Oil Mills Co.

S.S. ISCOMBA VICTORY

To Philadelphia:—35 cases amonia cylinders empty—Gokuldas and Co.

S.S. MARINSNAPPER

To New York:—30 cases ornamental brassware—At Sewasingh (Saran) Co. Ltd. 308 bags gum karya—G. D. Dharsi, 431 bags gum karya—N. Mulji and Co. 66 bags black pepper—At S. Manubhai and Co.

To Genoa:—76 drums groundnut oil—Ralli Bros.

Cotton Futures Slump Sharply

NEW York, Jan. 24. (U.P.A.): Cotton futures followed a pattern similar to Friday's dealings on the New York Cotton Exchange today, slumping sharply in the early trading and steadying at the close. Traders continued to show concern over the Marshall Plan. However, near the close replacement buying set in together with covering operations and the list bypassed previous levels. At the finish, the market ruled one to six points higher than at Friday's final prices. Trading was at a moderate pace throughout the session. At the extreme lows, prices were off as much at 1.45 dollars per bale. Fears that the Marshall Plan may be delayed until early June coupled with the belief that liberal tenders will be forthcoming on March contracts soon and kept the prices on the downward trend early in the session. Traders pointed out that large supplies of low grade cotton had been certificated in Texas and may find their way into delivery position against March contracts. Heretofore, traders believed this cotton would be shipped to Japan.

Meanwhile, the New York Cotton Exchange announced that a membership was sold today for 12,250 dollars which marks an increase of 250 dollars over the last previous sale. The present bid for exchange membership is 11,500 dollars and the present offering 12,500 dollars.

Canadian Gold Subsidy As Artificial Boost

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25. (U.P.A.): One leading U. S. gold expert, referring to the new form of gold subsidy granted by the Canadian Government today said that from the point of view of the U. S. this subsidy is just as bad or worse than that originally proposed.

He said it still represents an artificial boost and probably will have greater and more stimulating results than th one first proposed.

He said the International Monetary Fund apparently is satisfied with the new subsidy, since it is not direct subsidy on gold, but rather subsidizes mining costs of operation.

He said the United States is unlikely to make new representations since those made on the original subsidy proposal clearly showed this country's attitude of which Canada is fully aware.

The gold expert said he believed the new Canadian action might encourage U. S gold mining interests to ask for similar subsidy. He said that while the U. S. is not averse to receiving and buying gold, it objects to receiving gold produced by artificial subsidies.

Dutch Interest Denies Pepper Deal

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 24. (U.P.A.): Complaints from London that Dutch firms had been building pepper in India regardless of price and selling it in New York at a seeming loss—making their profit by the subsequent resale of their dollars in the Continental black market—brought a firm denial from the spokeman of the big commodity house Tucar.

The spokesman told the United Press that this "suggestion was really incredible. Dutch dealers who sell pepper in New York do not get hold of the dollars at all. Those dollars are firmly seized by the Netherlands Government which repays dealers in guilders. Any unscrupulous dealer who tried to circumvent the existing machinery and bring his dollars illegally to Europe for sale would soon be caught. He would be liable to severe punishment."

The spokesman attributed the London flurry to the "rivalry of London pepper dealers who dislike seeing the big pepper market which London enjoyed during the war gradually returning to Amsterdam."

Pact Between Rumania And Hungary

BUDAPEST, Jan. 24. (Reuter): The pact of friendship, co-operation and mutual assistance between Rumania and Hungary was signed in Budapest to-day.

The pact was expected to be on the lines of the Hungarian-Yugoslav Pact of December 8, except that it would include provisions for the negotiation of a customs union between the two countries.

The Hungarian-Yugoslav pact provided that if either of the parties were attacked the other would place military and other aid at its disposal without delay.

Pay Commission Recommendations

Primary School Teachers' Concern Over Govt.'s Decision

Mr. M. V. Donde, President Bombay Provincial Primary Teachers Association writes:—

The Government of Bombay have come out with their decision on the recommendations of the Central Pay Commission. I am sorry to say that in the Government communique announcing the decisions, there is no reference at all to Primary School Teachers. Government have all along been assuring the teachers that they would be given all the benefits which Government would give to their own employees with regard to the recommendations of the Central Pay Commission. Government particularly mentioned this in their letter to the Provincial Primary Teachers Association, when they appealed to teachers not to go on strike in March last. Teachers have been holding on hopes all these months, but they are surprised that there is not the slightest reference to Primary Teachers in the Government Communique running into pages. As a result they have started entertaining a fear that Government may not propose to do any thing for them in the near future, or if they do, then Government may treat the Primary Teachers in a different manner. Teachers feel with great concern that they may be offered less than what Government have to Government servants.

Secondly, Government have recently got enacted a law overhauling the whole administration of primary education in the Province. But it is now months and Government have not yet passed orders as to the date when the new Act would be brought into effect. The Act was welcomed by the whole body of teachers as a progressive piece of legislation but abnormal delay in the enforcement of the Act is bound to perturb the minds of teachers, who are now very enthusiastically working out Government's new schemes of Adult Education and Literacy among the masses

I humbly request Government not to postpone their decisions on these important issues. Teachers do feel strongly that they would be treated by Government on par with the class three employees which the Central Pay Commission recommended for "educated, skilled and trained employees," while class Four to consist of "unskilled and unlearned employees." Anything less than that will go to create dissatisfaction among the thousands of primary teachers in the Province.

The Executive Committee of the Provincial Primary Teachers Association is likely to hold its extra-ordinary special meeting within the course of few days to consider the situation arising out of Government's decision on the Central Pay Commission.

POPE'S "MESSAGE OF PEACE"

VATICAN CITY, Jan 25 (Reuter): The Pope today decided to send a special "message of peace" to all the peoples of the world irrespective of creed or nationality—in his own handwriting, it was learned authoritatively.

Pope Pius XII will write a personal message, a facsimile of which will be sent by radio photographic transmission.

The message will go out on the air from Rome on Tuesday morning and from London on Tuesday afternoon.

RAILWAYMEN IN SERVICE

A.I.R.F.'s Decision

NEW DELHI, Jan. 26 (API): Not less than 75 per cent of representatives from affiliated unions of the All-India Railwaymen's Federation will in future be railwaymen in service

This was one of the decisions taken by a special convention of the Federation, which adopted the draft constitution framed by the Constitution Committee of the General Council.

The new constitution will come into effect from April 1, 1948

Devaluation Of Franc Becomes Law

PARIS, Jan. 26. (Reuter): Devaluation of the French france to the rate of 214.392 to the dollar and 864 to pound sterling became law to-day with the publication of decrees in the journal official.

The journal, under the authority to the French Finance Minister, Monsieur Rene Mayer, declared that exchanges undertaken by the France-Spanish clearing house would be at the rate 10.958 francs to the peseta.

Other rates were fixed as follows:

French rupee: 64.80; Lebanese-Syrian pound: 97.83; French Pacific colonies franc: 4.32.

One decree specified that a free market, independent of stabilization funds, would be opened at the Paris bourse at a date to be notified by the exchange control office.

The rise and fall of currencies dealt with would be established by "the play of offer and demand".

Belgium Announces Franc Exchange Rates

BRUSSELS, Jan. 25. (Reuter): An official communique issued to-night by the National Bank of Belgium fixed the official rates of the French franc as from the morning of January 26 as follows:—

Transfers: Buyers: 20.41 Belgian francs for 100 French francs.

Notes: Buyers: 20.20 Belgian francs for 100 French francs.

Sellers: 20.55 Belgian francs for 100 French francs.

Contractual rate: 20.4427 Belgian francs for 100 French francs.

MUTT AND JEFF—It's All Right As Long As They're Going In The Same Direction By BUD FISHER

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DO YOU WANT ME TO CALL A POLICEMAN ?
OH, DON'T BOTHER M'AM! YOU ALONE THROW PLENTY OF SHADE FOR A LITTLE GUY LIKE ME!
GOSH, AINT STOUT PEOPLE GOOD-NATURED?
Fisher

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Wanted a capable hand to work as an Advertising Canvasser for a leading Nationalist Daily. Apply with full particulars as regards experience and salary expected to Box No. 2020 "Bombay Chronicle".

Aryasthan Insurance invites application from influential persons for taking charge of organisation in Bombay Presidency. See immediately S. C. Ray, General Manager on tour, 6, Pherozshah Mehta Road, Bombay. 8005

MEDICAL ADLETS

God's Gift medicine for Piles: Rs. 5/- for Yaga, Hoam, etc., V.P. and Packing charges extra. Menaka Debi, 19, S. N. Banerji Rd., Calcutta. 5462A

INVESTMENT

Darjeeling Terai Tea Corporation Ltd. A few 6 p.c. Tax free Pref. shares of Rs. 100/- of the above Company are available at par Please enquire Bengal Share Dealers' Syndicate Ltd., 12 Chowringhee Square, Calcutta. (7026C)

Labong and Mineral Spring Tea Co., Ltd. a few 6 p.c. Tax free Pref. shares of Rs. 100/- of the above Company are available at par. Please enquire Bengal Share Dealers' Syndicate Ltd., 12, Chowringhee Square, Calcutta. (7026B)

AGENTS WANTED

Wanted Selling Agents for Silk Saris, Mamaco Industries, Juhi 23, Kanpur. 7932

Wanted: Agents and stockists for (1) Fancy Aluminium goods Electrodyed in fast colours guaranteed for two years. (2) Andrews Wall Clocks guaranteed two years striking 8" dial @ Rs. 80/- to Rs. 100/- Non-striking 11" dial @ Rs 50/- to Rs. 60/-. Decent terms and commission. Apply to nearest office: R. B. S. Jain Distributors Ltd. 345, Kalbadevi Rd. Bombay No. 2., 23/24, Strand Rd. Calcutta, Sudder Bazar, Delhi, Chowk, Benares. (8004)

Wanted Influential Agents to Sell the remaining Ordinary Shares (still available at par) of Indian Collieries Ltd., owning 1st class Colliery properties in Jharia. Dividend declared in 1946, the very 1st year of the Company's start—5 per cent (tax-free) Apply sharp to Managing Agents at 12 Chowringhee Square, Calcutta, the Registered Hd. Office of the Company 6528

PROPERTY EXCHANGE

For Sale or exchange of business and property and for Muslim business partners, Officers and Employees required for Western Pakistan, please communicate with: Muslim Chamber of Commerce, Civil Lines, Cawnpore. 7069

MACHINERY FOR SALE

Printing Machinery—Available for immediate shipment one Hoe Rotary Newspaper Press, a double width, octuple combination of deck design with two folders, capable of giving a gross production of 24,000 copies per hour from each of these two folders, gross production 48,000 copies per hour, Machine is included a New Stereotyping equipment and full Electrical equipment. For further details please apply to The Print & Paper (Sales) 4/7A, Waterloo St., Calcutta. 7068

FINANCE & PARTNERSHIP

Wanted Financier, those who wish to invest twenty-thousand rupees, will get fifty per cent Profit in business. P. B. Chachad, Estate Broker, opp. Prabhat Talkies, Thana. 8001

MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE

Emery Cloth of all Numbers, Vices pumps, Greeze Guns of different sizes Chevrolet, Ford Trucks and Jeeps available. Contact Iqbal Singh, 26/B, Asutosh Mukherjee Road, Calcutta. 8002

Available ex-Stocks American Electric Gramophones from Rs 180- Flourescent tubes and reflectors Electric lamps all standard voltages and types from 15 watt to 1000 watts C.T.S cables all sizes good discounts for quantities Apply Box No 3985 "Bombay Chronicle"

Available for immediate supply beautiful American, Italian and English tapestry and curtain fabrics in a wide range of fascinating colours. Only limited stock. Take the earliest opportunity to call at "Decora" lest you be disappointed. Raval Tiles and Marble Ltd 97A, Queen's Road, Bombay 1. (6778A)

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ACTIVITIES of "MAZDAZNAN" have CLOSED IN FULL on SUNDAY MORNING 11th January, 1948. There is no one who is authorized to continue this Centre and no responsibility in any way relating thereto is further accepted by the Founder, Organizer, Patronness and sole and full Supporter of the Work, since its inception to date of closing in India.

Mrs. GLARENCE GASQUE,
(Mother Gloria—of the World Movement of MAZDAZNAN).
8000

THE BOMBAY MUTUAL LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY LTD.

NOTICE HAVING BEEN GIVEN of the loss of Policy No. 173511 on the life of Mrs. ANASUYABAI DEVDAS MUDBHATKAL, a duplicate policy will be issued unless objection is filed with the undersigned within one month from date.

T. C. KAPUR,
Manager.

Bombay Mutual Building,
Fort, Bombay.
7999

G. I. P. RAILWAY—TENDER

THE CONTROLLER of Stores invites tender for the purchase of old and unserviceable stores. Forms obtainable from Stores Head Office: Gipstore Lane, Lower Parel, Bombay No. 13 at Rs. 2/- per copy, not refundable. Money-order or Cash only. Closing date 12th February, 1948, at 3 P.M. (S.T.).
(7020)

OUDH TIRHUT RAILWAY

TENDER NO. B/FILTER POINT/2/48

CONTROLLER OF STORES, O.T. Railway, Gorakhpur, invites sealed tenders on prescribed form for supply of 300 Nos. Filter Point complete for 1½" dia. pipe conforming to O.T.R. C.E.'s plan No. 1165/VIII (IV). Tender forms can be had from the Office of Controller of Stores, O.T. Railway, Gorakhpur on payment in cash or by money order (not refundable) of Rupees three per set of the tender and Rupee one per copy of the drawing. The above tender number must be quoted on the relative money order. Tenders must reach the Office of Controller of Stores, O.T. Railway, Gorakhpur before 16th March, 1948 on which date no tender will be sold. These will be opened the next day at 3 p.m.

CONTROLLER OF STORES.
7064

EAST INDIAN RAILWAY

TENDER NOTICE

Special items costing over Rs. 10,000/- Class I Contract

SEALED TENDERS are invited for the following and will be received in the General Manager's Office, E.I. Rly., 105, Netaji Subhas Road, Calcutta on 27th February, 1948 at 12-0 Clock noon.

Tender No. SP/F/EB/UF26/47-48 for the supply of 410 Nos. Bearer Bogie Bolster to drawing No. UF26.

Tender forms and drawing can be obtained from the undernoted officials on payment of the following charges to the Treasurer, E. I. Railway, 105, Netaji Subhas Road, Calcutta and on production of his receipt when applying for the same.

(a) Tender Form at Rs. 5/- per copy from the Controller of Stores, E.I.R., 105, Netaji Subhas Road, Calcutta.

(b) Dy. Chief Mechanical Engineer, Lillooah's Drg. Nos. UF26 at -/8/- per copy from the Dy. Chief Mechanical Engineer, E.I. Rly. Lillooah.

Firm outside Calcutta may however remit the cost of the tender form to the Controller of Stores, E.I. Rly., 105, Netaji Subhas Road, Calcutta and that of the drawings to Dy. Chief Mechanical Engineer, East Indian Railway, Lillooah, direct by money order. No refund is permissible after payment.

Sealed tenders delivered by hand should be presented for registration in the General Manager's Office, E. I. R., 105, Netaji Subhas Road, Calcutta and then put into the Tender Box outside the Dy. General Manager's (Works) room by tenderer or his representative.

GENERAL MANAGER
7063

EAST INDIAN RAILWAY

TENDER NOTICE

Special item costing over Rs. 5,000/- Class I Contract

THE CONTROLLER OF STORES, East Indian Railway, 105, Netaji Subhas Road, Calcutta, invites tender for supply of 9970 Nos. Pin Shackle to drawing SR 286.

Tender No. SP/F/EB/SR 286/47-48 may be purchased from the Controller of Stores at Rs. 2/- per copy and the drawing No. SR 286 from the Dy. Chief Mechanical Engineer, E. I. Railway, Lillooah at -/8/- per copy on payment to the Treasurer, E.I. Rly. Calcutta and on production of his receipt when applying for the same. This sum is not refundable. Firm outside Calcutta may however remit the cost of the tender to the Controller of Stores and that of the drawing to the Dy. Chief Mechanical Engineer, E.I. Railway, Lillooah direct by money order.

Sealed tender delivered by hand should be presented for registration in the Controller of Stores Office and then put into the tender box by the tenderer or his representative.

The tender will be opened on 1st March, '48 before noon.

CONTROLLER OF STORES.
7062

THE BOMBAY STEAM NAVIGATION CO. LTD.

NOTICE.

UNCLAIMED LUGGAGE.

ARTICLES like Gunny Bags, Trunks and Beddings, etc. are lying in our Office at Patent Slip, Mazagon, unclaimed since a very long time. Persons having any interest in them should lodge their claims together with necessary particulars, on or before the 23rd February, 1948, failing which, all the articles will be sold by Public Auction after abovementioned date.

Scindia House,
Ballard Estate,
Bombay, 21-1-48
7072

B.B. & C.I. RLY.

TENDER NOTICE NO. T-CP/34 AND 35.

TENDERS ARE INVITED on the prescribed form G.S. 204 for the purchase of the following.

Commodity.	Quantity required in B.Ms. for DOHAD.
T-CP/34 Firewood dry & split	6000
T-CP/35 Charcoal	6000

Tenders closing on 5th Feb. '48 at 16/- Hrs. in the office of the Dy. General Manager, Grainshop, B.B. & C.I. Rly. Churchgate, Bombay.

Tender forms and terms can be had from the office of the President, Grainshop Committee, Freelandgunj, Dohad on application.

For DY. GENERAL MANAGER.
Grainshops, Bombay.
7067

EAST INDIAN RAILWAY.

TENDER NOTICE

Annual Contract item costing over Rs. 10,000/- Class I

SEALED TENDERS are invited for the following and will be received in the General Manager's Office, E. I. R. 105, Netaji Subhas Road, Calcutta, before noon on 20th February, 1948.

Tender No. SP/R/Gb4/937 for supply of 16427 Rft. wire netting G. I. 3' x 1/2" mesh.

Tender forms with full particulars can be had from the office of the Controller of Stores, E. I. Railway, 105, Netaji Subhas Road, Calcutta on payment of Rs. 5/- per copy to the Treasurer, E. I. Railway, 105, Netaji Subhas Road, Calcutta and on production of his receipt when applying for the same.

Firms outside Calcutta, may however remit the amount to the Controller of Stores, by money order.

No refund is permissible.

Sealed tenders delivered by hand should be presented for registration to the General Manager's office and then put into the tender box outside the Dy. General Manager's (Works) room by the tenderer or his representative.

The tender will be opened in the office of the Deputy General Manager (Works) E.I. Railway, Calcutta at 12 noon on 20th February 1948. The tenderers, if they desire may be present at the time of opening of the tender.

GENERAL MANAGER.
(7061)

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

DISPOSALS

TENDERS ARE INVITED for the purchase of Buildings at Government Port Timber Depot, Wadala, Bombay, consisting of Storage Sheds (including Office and Godown for cutting tools) Office Building, Lavatories, etc., with Static Tanks, Water and Electric Installations. The Reserve Price is Rs. 30,000/-. Offers below the Reserve Price will not be considered.

TENDER PERIOD. Tenders must be received by 4 P.M. on 4th March, 1948.

PUBLIC OPENING OF TENDERS at 11 A.M. on 5th March, 1948.

OFFERS WILL REMAIN OPEN FOR ACCEPTANCE up to 4th April, 1948.

TENDERS SHOULD BE SUPERSCRIBED: DGD/SR-44591/CPM IV/1.

Tender forms containing details of buildings, etc., together with permits to view, can be obtained from the Director General of Disposals, New Delhi, and the Regional Commissioners, Disposals, Bombay/Calcutta/Kanpur/Madras, on payment of Rs. 5/- per set in Cash/Money Order/or Postal Order. Cheques will not be accepted.

Tenders must be sent in sealed double covers superscribed as above and addressed to: THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF DISPOSALS, SHAHJAHAN ROAD, NEW DELHI. They must be accompanied by a deposit at call receipt for 10 per cent of the value tendered, as earnest money, deposited in Imperial Bank of India/Reserve Bank of India/or Government Treasury in the Indian Union, in favour of the Director General of Disposals, New Delhi.

CONDITIONS OF SALE: The land on which the buildings stand belongs to Bombay Port Trust. The purchaser will have to demolish the buildings and clear the land and restore it to its original condition. The building material will have to be removed within two months from acceptance of offer.

All sales will be subject to the conditions of Contract as laid down in Form Con. 117, except that the expression "Governor General in Council" wherever it occurs in the said form shall be substituted by "Governor General of India."

Issued by
THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF DISPOSALS,
New Delhi.
7066

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE

SECRETARY, JOINT PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION for Bihar, the Central Provinces and Berar, and Orissa, P. O. Hinoo, Ranchi invites applications on or before the 20th February, 1948, on the prescribed form, which along with full particulars can be obtained from him, for a permanent post of a Lady Principal for the Lady Rutherford Girls' High School, Laheriasaral, in class II of the Bihar Educational Service (Women's Branch) on a provisional scale of Rs. 170-13-300-(E.B.)-13-430 a month. Candidates must hold a degree of a university and must possess a diploma or degree or certificate of training from an Educational Training Institution and have teaching and administrative experience.
7065

NOTICE

APPLICATIONS are invited from experienced trained Gujarati knowing Lady Graduates for the post of Lady Superintendent of the Ahmedabad Municipal Girls' High School in the grade of Rs. 150-10-250-15-300. The applicant should state her qualifications, experience, mother tongue, age, caste, etc. and should send the application before 7th February, 1948 to the undersigned. Deserving candidate will be given a higher starting pay in the grade.

D. B. PATEL,
Administrative Officer,
School Board,
Ahmedabad Municipality.

Ahmedabad Municipal
School Board Office.
7060

NOTICE

THE LAST DATE of receiving the application for the posts of (1) Overseers (Civil) and (2) Asstt. Draftsmen in the scales of Rs. 70-5-110-E. B.-10-180-E. B.-10-250 and Rs. 50-5/2-90 respectively, is extended to 14TH FEBRUARY, 1948.

Qualifications required are for (1) A University degree or diploma in Civil Engineering and for (2) Diploma in Civil Engineering or study upto D.C.E. or practical experience of work in a drawing office for 3 years. Higher starting pay will be offered to deserving candidates. Application should be addressed to the undersigned so as to reach on or before the 14th February, 1948.

K. V. JOSHI,
Executive Engineer,
Northern Sanitary
Division, Broach.

Broach 21st Jan. 1948.
7056

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND SUPPLY

NOTICE

No. EF/ACCOUNTS

REFERENCE is invited to Notice No. CYC-2/MISC dated 19th January 1948 which appeared in those columns on 20-1-48. In continuation of the instructions contained therein, the following further instructions are issued.

2 All quotaholders of Mills in Bombay and Bombay Suburban District and Ahmedabad Borough and commission agents in Bombay and Bombay Surburban District and Ahmedabad Borough taking delivery on behalf of upcountry quotaholders of those mills are hereby informed that they should after complying with instructions in the Notice of 19th January 1948 submit a return, in duplicate, on or before Saturday, 31st January 1948, to—

The Office of the Textile Commissioner, Equalisation Fund Branch, Sudama House, Wittet Road, Ballard Estate, Bombay.

or

The Office of the Deputy Director, Branch Office of the Textile Commissioner, Equalisation Fund Branch, Ahmedabad.

as the case may be in the following form:—

COLUMN:

1 No. of Bales.
2 Description of cloth, whether coarse, medium, fine or superfine.
3 Quantity in bales.
4 Ex mill price per bale excluding surcharge.
5 Total amount for each category.
6 Rate of levy on each category.
7 Amount of levy on total of each category.
8 Grand total paid.
9 Challan No. and date with which remitted into Government account to the credit of D. A. G. (I. & S.) Bombay—"XXXII Industries & Supplies—Other Miscellaneous Receipts."
10 Name of Treasury.
11 Remarks

This form should be submitted in duplicate marked original and duplicate, accompanied by the original Treasury Challan.

3 Provincial or State buyers or their commission, agents purchasing cloth on behalf of their principals in Provinces or States should, after complying with the instructions in the Notice dated 19th January 1948 referred to above, also furnish a return in the same form and to the same Office as described in para two above.

T. SIVASANKAR,
Textile Commissioner.

Bombay, 26th January, 1948.
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LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY

TESTAMENTARY AND INTESTATE JURISDICTION

GEORGE VI, by the Grace of God, of Great Britain, Ireland and the British Dominions beyond the Seas King, Defender of the Faith.

NOTICE

Petition for Succession Certificate in respect of certain securities and debts belonging to John Pacheco, late of Bombay Indian Christian Inhabitant, residing at the time of his death at Kashinath Dhuru Road, Agar Bazar, Dadar, a Carding Master in the employ of the Kohinoor Mills Co., Ltd., a widower ..... Deceased.

VIOLANTA ROSARIA D'SOUZA, of Bombay Indian Christian Inhabitant, residing at Kashinath Dhuru Road, Agar Bazar, Dadar, outside the Fort of Bombay. ..... Petitioner

ALL persons claiming to have any interest in the estate of the abovenamed deceased are hereby cited to come and see the Proceedings, if they think fit, before the Grant of Succession Certificate.

Witness MAHOMMEDALI CURRIM CHAGLA, Esquire, Acting Chief Justice at Bombay aforesaid, this 23rd day of January, in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and forty-eight and in the twelfth year of our Reign.

(Sd.) K. K. DASTUR,
Prothonotary and Senior Master.
(Sd.) A. R. NARAYAN IYER,
Sealer

Seal of the High Court at Bombay

The 23rd day of January, 1948.

Messrs. NANU HORMASJEE & CO.
Petitioner's Attorneys.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Mr. MORARJI PADAMSI and his wife BAI MANIBAI, the present Trustees of the Deed of Settlement, dated 5th August, 1940, have agreed to sell to our clients the property described in Schedule hereunder written. All persons having or making any claim of any sort whatsoever against the said property are requested to notify the same in writing to the undersigned at 35, Dalal Street, Fort Bombay, within 14 days after which period, the sale will be completed without reference to any such claim and the same will be deemed to have been waived.

SCHEDULE REFERRED TO ABOVE

All that piece of land with the buildings thereon, situate in Bombay at JAMBULWADI ROAD containing 670.42 Square Yards or thereabouts and registered by the Collector of Land Revenue under Old Nos. 482, 484 and 485, New Nos. A/2470, Old Survey No. 11/1214 and New Survey No. 3127 and Cadastral Survey No. 99 of Bhuleshwar Division and assessed by the Municipality under Ward 7C Ward No. 2462 Street Nos. 22-28 and bounded on the East by the property of Fatmabai daughter of Gulam Hussein Hindade, on the West by a gully, on the North partly by a lane and partly by the property late of A. E. Chinoy and now of Bombay Municipality (Improvement Trust) and on the South by Jambulwadi Road.

Dated this 26th day of January, 1948.

MADHAVJI AND CO.
Purchasers' Attorneys.
7075

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Mr. GANESH MAHADEO DESAI, husband of my client Bai KRISHNABAI, who last resided in Poona and deserted the latter his wife since 1939 and is alleged to have embraced Christianity and assumed the name of David, has not been heard of since 1939 by his said wife or by any of his relations and therefore my client KRISHNABAI will presume that her husband Ganesh is dead and is not alive.

B. G. PADHYE,
Advocate for
Bai Krishnabai
w/o Ganesh Desai.
7073

AUCTION SALES

AUCTION SALE OF ABOUT 311 PIECES ARTIFICIAL SILK.

Under instructions from the Official Assignee of Bombay, and Assignee of the estate and effects of the Insolvents M/s Tilakraj Brijlal, a firm and Brijlal Gurudatmal Kapur and Satpal Gurudatmal Kapur M/s BENNETT & CO., will sell on FRIDAY, the 30th January, 1948 at 3 P.M. (S.T.) by Public Auction subject to confirmation from Official Assignee at their rooms, the above pieces. The confirmation of the sale will take place on 31-1-48 at 12-30 P.M. (S.T.) at the Office of the Official Assignee High Court, Bombay. Terms 25 per cent cash deposit.

BENNETT & CO.

AUCTION SALES

AUCTION SALE OF 3 MOTOR CARS (GOOD CONDITION)

M/s. GANDHI & CO. will sell by public Auction on THURSDAY, 29th Inst. at 3 P.M. (S.T.) near our Office at 72, Medows Street, Fort, by order of the party concerned.

One Ford Sedan Motor Car, Four Door 10 H. P. and One Vauxhall Saloon motor Car 26 H. P.

By order of the Party Concerned.

One Austin Car 10 H. P.

Terms: 25 p.c. cash deposit.

GANDHI & CO

AUCTION SALES

AUCTION SALE OF UNCLAIMED BOOKED AND UNBOOKED PACKAGES CONSISTING OF BEDDINGS: TRUNK CLOTHES: MEDICINE: MACHINERY PARTS: WOODEN ARTICLES: NEWSPAPERS ETC., ETC.

Under instruction from the B.B. and C.I. Railway in accordance with Section 56 of the Indian Railway Act No. IX of 1890, MENESSE & Co., will sell by Public Auction, the abovementioned articles at the risk of the owners at 1-30 p.m. (S.T.) on WEDNESDAY, the 11th February, 1948, at the Railway's Bombay Central Parcel Office (near Grant Road Station).

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